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## Surprise In Burmese Govt. Circles

### *BENGAL CLAIMS AREAS IN NORTH ARAKAN*

### Soviet Indictment Of League's Partition Propaganda

RANGOON, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): While the Government of Burma has so far received no official intimation of the reported move by the Bengal Government to open negotiations with Burma for the retrocession to Bengal of the Maungdaw area in northern Arakan, the Burmese press and public opinion today vehemently denounced the alleged intentions and aspirations of the Eastern Pakistan.

*SURPRISE IN RANGOON*

Senior officials at the Government Secretariat—Burmas as well as Britons—expressed surprise at the reported Bengal Government move. A high British official said: "It is news to us. I can assure you that we have not received any communication from the Government of India or British Government in London."

A senior Burmese official of the External Affairs Department said: "Of course, we have read with interest the Calcutta newspaper reports of the Chittagong Muslim Chamber of Commerce resolution and the Bengal Premier, Mr. Suhrawardy's response to it. But we wonder whether any Government of India would give serious consideration to it."

TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.

Typical of the Burmese press comment is the editorial in "Burmese Review", an influential weekly, which is regarded as a mouthpiece of one of the leading members of the present Executive Council. The journal said: "The doctrine of self-determination was never intended to apply to tiny territorial units which form an integral part of any larger political unit. In the Barisal district of Bengal, there are thousands of Burmese residents just as there is a large Chittagonian population in northern Arakan. Burma could claim annexation of several townships in Barisal District with as much or as little justice as the Muslim merchants of Chittagong who have claimed Maungdaw for India".

*AS MOSCOW SEES IT*

LONDON, Dec. 24. (Reuter): The Hindu-Muslim problem was mentioned on Moscow radio to-day. Referring to mutual stabbings in many Indian towns, commentator A. Dyakov broadcasting in English said:—

"Whenever the British Government have started making some reforms in India religious and communal animosities in that country have flared up with renewed force. British ruling circles have tried to explain this by the existence of supposedly irreconcilable antagonisms in India. Clashes between Hindus and Muslims are inevitable, they declare, because Hindu and Muslim cultures are totally dissimilar and in fact opposite.

But Hindus and Muslims had lived together in India for 800 years, whereas the animosity between them, on the admission of British rulers themselves, has been a problem of All-India importance only since the beginning of this century. Even in the 19th century it was not serious. And many Indian leaders accordingly maintain that the pitch which it has

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**BOMBAY CHRONICLE**
*Wishes A*
***Happy Christmas***
*To All Its*
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## Aung San To Meet Nehru And Jinnah

RANGOON, Dec. 23. (Delayed) (A.P.A.): U Aung San, Deputy Chairman of the Governor's Executive Council, on his way to London, will visit New Delhi for discussion with Pandit Nehru and Mr. M. A. Jinnah, U. Kyaw Myein, Secretary General, told the Associated Press of America this afternoon.

Other sources indicated the Burmese delegation to the United Kingdom will leave Rangoon by air on January 6, starting the return trip on January 26.

*BURMA'S SPOKESMEN AT LONDON R. T. C.*

RANGOON, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): The Burmese leaders who will leave for London on January 6 to represent the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League in discussions with the British Government following its invitation, will be U. Aung San, President of the League and Deputy Chairman of the Interim Government, U. Ba Pe, a former Home Minister who is a member of the present Executive Council and Thakin Mya, leader of the Socialist Party and Home Member in the present Executive Council.

**SARDAR AJIT SINGH**

'NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (UPI): Information received here indicates that Sardar Ajit Singh who was a Minister in the Azad Hind Government in Europe and who was convalescing in a Berlin Hospital, will reach London on December 29. He is expected to said for India on January 3, 1947.

**LATEST COMMERCIAL**

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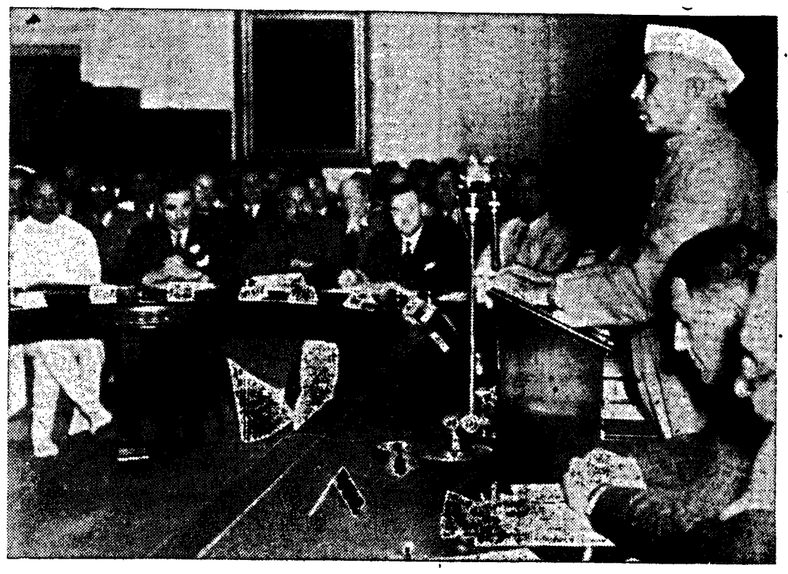

Pandit Nehru addressing the Associated Chambers of Commerce, Calcutta, on Dec. 16.

## Citadels Of Gods Thrown Open To Harijans

### Jagjivan Ram To Lead First Batch To Tiruvarur Temple

MADURA, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): Two more Hindu temples in Tamilnad were thrown open, to-day, for worship by Harijans.

Amidst cries of "Down with Untouchability" and "Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai", Mr. K. Koti Reddi, Minister for Religious Endowments, Madras, who arrived here to-day, lead a party of Harijan men, women and children for worship this morning into the ancient Sri Subramanya temple at Tirupurankundram, about four miles south of Madura, the doors of which were hitherto barred to the Harijan community.

The people of the locality thronged in front of the temple and loudly cheered as the Minister with the party of Harijans entered it to the accompaniment of pipe music.

**WORSHIPPING WITH HARIJANS**

Later the Minister motored to Tallakulam in the northern part of the city and offered worship with the same party of Harijans at the Vaishnavite temple of Sri Prasanna Venkatesa. Before leading the Harijans into this temple the Minister hoisted the Congress flag in front of it. The entry of Harijans in the two temples was filmed.

The Minister then visited the Sri-Meenakshi Temple, the first to be opened to Harijans in Tamil Nad seven years ago.

**TIRUVARUR TEMPLE NEXT**

The Minister left this afternoon for Courtallam, 'en route' to Sankarankoil, where to-morrow he will throw open one more Hindu temple to the Harijans. He disclosed to-day that worship by Harijans in the ancient and historic Thyagaraja Temple at Tiruvarur (Tanjore District) would be allowed in a few days. Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Member in the Interim Government of India, who will soon tour Tamil Nad, is likely to lead the first batch of Harijans into this temple.

Mr. Kotti Reddi told Pressmen here: "The enthusiasm of the people to allow Harijans into the temples is amply demonstrated in the opening of a number of temples recently. The Provincial Government is now considering whether it should not take advantage of the tremendous enthusiasm of the people in seeing that all legal impediments in the way of Harijan friends worshipping in the temples are removed."

**JAGJIVAN RAM ON SOUTH INDIA TOUR**

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Member, left to-day by Grant Trunk Express on his tour of South India. He will visit Employment Exchanges and Technical Centres. Besides these he will also visit many important temples which have recently been thrown open to Harijans. He will also address a number of public meetings arranged by Harijans as well as by Congress Committees of the Province at different places.

## *Pishevari To Deliver Azerbaijan?*

TEHERAN, Dec. 24, (U.P.A.): The independent morning paper "Ateeh" claimed today that Mir Jaffar Pishevari, former Premier of Azerbaijan has begun broadcasting by secret radio, promising to "return and deliver the Azerbaijan is from the hands of the reactionaries".

## Fourth French Republic Born

### New President To Be Chosen On Jan. 16

PARIS, Dec. 24 (A.P.A.): France's Fourth Republic was legally born today and M. Vincent Auriol (Socialist) told the Associated Press of America that he was a candidate to head it as the Republic's President.

France entered upon a constitutional regime for the first time in six years when the Parliament's Upper House held its first session.

From the moment the Council of the Republic's brief session opened, the new Constitution, approved by the people in October, became effective. Constitutional regime in France was wiped out in May 1940, by the advancing Germans.

Auriol, 62, is at present President or Speaker of the Parliament's Lower House, the National Assembly. He is the first to officially pose his candidacy for the Presidency of the Republic.

This President who will nominate a Premier to form a permanent Cabinet to replace the present Socialist Government of Leon Blum—will be chosen on January 16 by the Council and Assembly in joint session.

The Council met for only 25 minutes, and adjourned until December 27 to elect its officers.

The opening session was presided over by Jules Gasser, 81 (Radical-Socialist).

The Council's home is the Luxembourg Palace, scene of last summer's Peace Conference.

## Mrs. Naidu's Tribute To Mahatma

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): "India's saviour walks along the mud-in the Christ-like person of Mahatma in the christ-lake person of Mahatma Gandhi", said Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in her address at the annual meeting and convocation of the Viswabharati to-day. She described the Hindu-Muslim cleavage as a national disaster and a personal tragedy."

At the gathering, Mrs. Naidu announced the receipt of a donation of rupees five lakhs from the All-India Rabindra Memorial Committee and rupees fifteen thousand as a token grant from H.E.H. The Nizam's Government.

## *STOP PRESS*

BASLE, Dec. 24 (Reuter): The World Zionist Congress ended in a deadlock here to-day on the vital question of forming the new Executive, passing the question on to the newly elected General Council of 77 members.

The crisis arose out of yesterday's resolution to boycott the Palestine Conference in London.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (Reuter): President Harry Truman said in Christmas message broadcast to the United States: "We have made a good start towards peace in the world. Ahead of us lies the larger task of making the peace secure. All is not harmony in the world to-day."

***SUBHAS SEEN IN SAIGON?***

NAGPUR, Dec. 24, (U.P.I.). Mr. K. N. Joglekar, Bombay Labour leader and delegate to the Brussels Labour Conference, writing from London to Mr. R. S. Ruiker, M.L.A., (C.P.), under date December 18, says: "It is reported in French papers from Saigon that Netaji Subhas Bose was seen there. There is a keen interest about him over here."

## We Have Not Won The Peace

### Pope's Appeal To Leaders Of Nations

ROME, Dec. 24. (Reuter): His Holiness the Pope in a Christmas Eve broadcast over the Vatican Radio said: "All over Europe, the people are in a state of constant anxiety that the flame of new conflict may burst forth. The spring is taut and may snap at any moment."

"People began to breathe freely when the Atlantic Charter was first introduced, he said." What has now become of this? Humanity shows great development in the military field. But difficulties of peace have not yet been overcome. Willingly, we recognise the incessant efforts of many statesmen who for a year have been working hard. But solutions have been fragile, and in many hearts, there is a feeling of discontent.

"Human nature has shown a great force of resistance."

"Leaders of nations, do all in your power to ease your work of peace with justice. We appreciate the noble work of statesmen but who can say that from all the work of the past year, a clear solution has been reached.

"In view of the gravity of the present hour, we feel the necessity to invite leaders of the peoples in whose hands is power of the world and on whose deliberations depend the outcome and progress—or even more, failure—of peace to consider three things. First, to answer the expectations of the peoples to mitigate and gradually dispel disturbances under which they are suffering, to remove dangerous international frictions, unite all your energies and all your good intentions to prevent the prolongation of an intolerable state of uncertainty, to speed up as much as possible the advent of a definite peace among all states.

"We make the second request to leaders of the peoples. Apply all powers of your will and ability to seal your work of peace with real justice and real service to the interests of the entire human family. Profound dejection into which this horrible war has thrown humanity can only be overcome by peace, the will to banish the spirit of brutal violence for the future generations and the will to give to the concept of right status which will remain inviolable."

"With the advent of new war weapons, it seemed" the Pope continued "that future peace treaties would probably be "Opus Imperteetum". This consideration brings us to the third appeal. We say that if you wish to make your work for peace lasting, your voices must reflect the wishes of the multitude of peoples. You must remain faithful to the words you have spoken and you will give the entire human family a shining example and point the high road to peace".

## Noakhali Invitation To Congress Cabinet

### Sikh Deputation To Mahatma To Secure Safeguards

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): A telegram requesting the Congress President to hold the next meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Noakhali was sent to-day to Acharya J. B. Kripalani by the Noakhali Sammilani Relief Committee at Calcutta.

This, in the opinion of the Committee, will pave the way for quick repatriation of the evacuees from that area as "the presence of the All-India leaders in the District will infuse courage and a sense of safety in the minds of the people".

Similar telegrams have also been addressed to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose.

CONGRESS CONSTITUTION.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): The Congress Constitution Sub-Committee sat on different days from December 12 onwards and in all held seven meetings. Certain principles on which the new Constitution is to be based have been discussed. Drafting has been entrusted to Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Convener of the Committee. It is expected that the draft may be ready in a fortnight's time, but may not come up before the next meeting of the A.I.C.C.

SIKH DEPUTATION TO MAHATMA

AMRITSAR, Dec. 24. (A.P.A.): The Panthic (Sikh) Prathinidhi Board and legislators to-day decided to send a deputation to Mahatma Gandhi "to request him to help the Sikhs in getting adequate safeguards and to fulfil the Congress commitments to them."

In a four hour session, the Board also passed a resolution viewing with indignation the December 6 statement of His Majesty's Government, and called upon the Sikhs to "carry on their struggle till a satisfactory provision for safeguarding their interests is made."

The Panthic Board resolution also declared that the Sikhs "feel that the statement of December 6 has been made to placate the intransigence of the Muslim League and operates to the detriment of the minorities, especially the Sikhs."

STATEMENT OF DEC. 6.

The resolution referred to Secretary of State Pethick Lawrence's refusal

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## BACK TO 9-HOUR DAY?

### Move To Step Up Cloth Production Without Price Increase

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24.

An appeal for a nine hours day in the cotton textile industry is envisaged here. In their conference last week with Government the millowners, it is learned failed to convince the Government of their case for enhancing the prices of coarse cloth. The eight-hours day, labour unrest and unprofitable production of coarse cloth were the main arguments advanced by the millowners.

Government has refused to enhance the ceiling prices of cotton as was demanded by cotton growing interests. It has also refused to enhance the prices of coarse cloth as demanded by the millowners As a 'Via Media' it is agreed to mobilise public opinion in favour of the nine-hour day.

Critics hold that the proposed appeal is not likely to evoke favourable response from Labour.

They urge that Government should forthwith institute an impartial enquiry into the cost of production of coarse into the cost of production of coarse ment, it is further urged should stop for lower production of cloth. Government, is is further urged, should stop all exports of cloth till home demand is adequately met. It should also take away protective duties granted against Japanese competion which no longer exists.

The Commerce Department I learn is actively examining this aspect of the question and an early decision is expected.

PATNA, Dec. 24, (API): Mr. S. A. A. Kazmi, Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Bihar, has been selected by the Government of India, for deputation to Kenya to inspect and investigate the working of the educational system there and report on the matter with his suggestions for improvement, if any, it is learnt.

No. 5.

Before cotton fibres can be used in spinning or making cloth, or even before, they can be marketed advantageously they must be removed from the seed by some kind of ginning process. During early times, and even as late as 1793, the date of the invention of the "Saw Gin", a considerable quantity of lint cotton was picked from the seed, or ginned by hand. The first recorded gin made was the small roller, or "Churki Gin", used in India many centuries ago. This is a very slow and laborious process, but enough lint can be secured by a family in this way, when they were not otherwise employed to supply the needs of a family. During pioneer days, and even in the early part of British period it was a custom in India, specially in Bengal in many homes for the family to occupy themselves thus while seated around the fire place in the evening.

In modern times saw gins are extensively used for ginning. The smaller gins are mostly private gins and are found on cotton plantations, while the larger ones are chiefly public gins. In the saw gin, electric, steam or gas engines furnish motive power. The seed cotton is drawn out of the growers wagon bed by suction, and carried mechanically through cleaner, distributor, and feeders to the saws. From the saws the seeds are carried by mechanical conveyors to the growers' wagon again or a storage bin. The lint is carried by current of air to condensers, which condense it and drop it into the press box. There it is packed by mechanical trampers and pressed into a bale by hydraulic or other power. About all that has to be done by hand is to place the bagging and ties that are to cover the bale in the press box, fasten the ties, and roll out the bale of cotton.

Next we shall discuss about cotton bales and classing.

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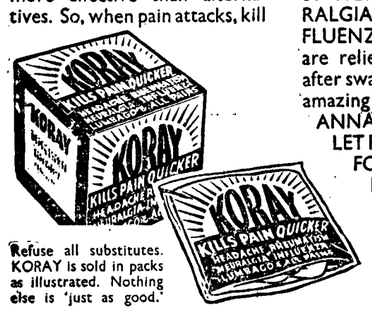


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# Sind's Sturdy Effort In Second Venture

## FINE BATTING PERFORMANCES BY RAM AND PAMANLAL

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|---|---|
| SIND (First Innings) | 224 |
| BOMBAY (First Innings) | 368 |
| SIND (Second Innings) for 9 wkts. | 320 |

KARACHI, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): Bombay were all out for 368 (Raiji out 74) against Sind thus establishing a lead of 144 runs on the first innings. Sind had scored 320 for nine in the second innings at close of play today. Ram batting 61.

Half an hour's play sufficed to see Bombay, who were 343 for seven at the close of play yesterday conclude their first innings for 368 against Sind on the third day of the cricket championship of India for the Ranji Trophy on the Karachi Gymkhana ground today.

A large holiday crowd saw Raiji (68) and Tarapore (4) resume Bombay's innings to the bowling of Fazal Lakda and Parsram.

The bowlers keeping a steady length had the batsmen subdued. Parsram dismissing Raiji after he had added six to his overnights.

Tarapore who was joined by Maka did not remain long offering an easy catch to Fernandes off Lakda's for 12 at 357. Baloch joined Maka who was soon bowled by Lakda for 11; Thus Bombay's innings was terminated for 368.

With a deficit of 144 runs Pananmal and Irani opened Sind's second innings to the bowling of Phadkar and Umrigar. The batsman made a confident start despite several bowling changes and put on 60 runs before Irani was bowled by Raiji for 24. Gaup did not remain long being caught by Merchant off Raiji after scoring 5 in a total 76 Pananmal and Bhupoo who were next associated added only 2 runs to the total when lunch was taken Pananmal (batting) 47.

Sind who were 78 for two, resumed their 2nd innings after lunch with Pamanmal and Bhappoo, to the attack of Phadkar and Tarapore.

Pamanmal playing delightful cricket, soon reached his individual fifty, which included seven fours, and later sent up the century of the innings.

Raiji replaced Phadkar and soon met with success, claiming Pamanmal's wicket after he added a further seven runs to his score. Inayat Khan filled the gap. Raiji bagged his third wicket, when he had Bhappoo caught in the slips for 32 when the total was 141.

P. P. Fernandes coming on next did not stay long, providing Tarapore with his first wicket after scoring only two. Inayat Khan, who was partnered by Ramchand, scored at a fast pace soon wiped out Sind's deficit. The bowlers came in for a lot of punishment, especially from Inayat Khan, who, with well placed shots, reached his fifty. Four runs later, Balooch who was brought on clean bowled him for 54 when the total 181.

At 1222 a brilliant catch at fine leg by Umrigar off Phadkar saw Wamardin, the skipper, out for 25.

Faizal Lakda coming on next sent up the first sixer of the day, after which the teams adjourned for tea with the score 229 for seven.

At close of play today... Karachi had scored 320 for 9 wickets, with four of their batsmen reaching the fifty mark.

SCORES BOARD

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| SIND (First Innings) | 224 |
| BOMBAY (First Innings) | |
| K. C. Ibrahim (run out) | 85 |
| B. R. Irani b Ram | 2 |
| R. S. Modi b Lakda | 53 |
| U. M. Merchant b Ram | 7 |
| D. G. Phadkar c Parsram b Minwalla | 45 |
| P. K. Umrigar b Inayat Khan | 1 |
| M. N. Raiji b Parsram | 74 |
| K. K. Tarapore c Fernandes b Lakda | 12 |
| E. S. Maka c Ramchand b Lakda | 11 |
| Baloch (not out) | 0 |
| Extras | 35 |
| Total | 368 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-115, 3-135, 4-216, 5-220, 6-221, 7-309, 8-357, 9-357 10-368.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| H. D. Minwalla | 14 | 2 | 43 | 1 |
| G. Ram | 16 | 3 | 37 | 2 |
| Narotham | 10 | 1 | 32 | 0 |
| Parsram | 29 | 4 | 104 | 1 |
| Inayat Khan | 22 | 7 | 42 | 1 |
| Fazal Lakda | 28.2 | 3 | 72 | 4 |

SIND (Second Innings)

| | |
|---|---|
| Pamanmal c Merchant b Raiji | 57 |
| J. K. Irani b Raiji | 24 |
| Narotham c Merchant b Raiji | 5 |
| A. B. Bhappoo c Rangnekar b Raiji | 32 |
| Inayat Khan b Balooch | 54 |
| P. P. Fernandes c Balooch b Tarapore | 2 |
| G. Ram (batting) | 15 |
| Qamardin c Umrigar b Phadkar | 25 |
| Ramchand (batting) | 61 |
| Faizal Lakda c Balooch b Tarapore | 51 |
| H. D. Minwalla b Tarapore | 2 |
| Parsram (batting) | 0 |
| Extras | 7 |
| Total (for nine wickets) | 320 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 60, 2 for 76, 3 for 106, 4 for 141, 5 for 150 6 for 181, 7 for 222; 8 for 299; 9 for 310.

### BANERJEE'S GALLANT EFFORT IN VAIN

*Bihar-Holkar Ranji Fixture*

JAMSHEDPUR, Dec. 23 (API.) The main interest in today's play in the Holkar-Bihar match centred round a gallant effort made by the Bihar Captain S. N. Banerjee to save his side from an innings defeat—which has been Bihar's lot in previous years. Banerjee who was not out thirty-seven yesterday, batted for a further ninety minutes today and was out at 234 when only eleven runs were need to wipe off the deficit. Towards the end when wickets were falling quickly and Bihar was still behind by thirty runs Banerjee tried to farm the bowling by forcing a single off the last ball of each over. This produced a "battle of wits" between the rival captains. In the excitement a hot chance given by Banerjee to Kunaru off C. K. Nayudu was dropped. Eventually, Sarwate ended Banerjee's brave innings. Bhaya taking a dolly catch at square leg.

Banerjee hit 13 times to the boundary in an innings lasting altogether 150 minutes. C. K. Nayudu got the last wicket Bihar losing by innings and six runs.

Sarwate had the best analysis, taking five wickets for 76 runs.

His side from an innings defeat+ 7-9.

### Baroda Toward Victory

BARODA Dec. 24, (API): In the Ranji Trophy round between Maharashtra and Baroda, the visitors were all out in the second innings for 252 runs. Baroda who require 108 runs for an outright victory had made 43 for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn for the day. Thus they require only 64 runs with eight wickets intact to emerge victorious.

### CRICKET CONTROL BOARD'S SELECTION COMMITTEE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24, (API): A meeting of the Selection Committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India will be held here on January 2.

### No Entry To Japan And Germany In Olympics

LONDON, Dec. 24, (Reuter): Germany and Japan will definitely not compete in the Olympic Games of 1948.

This decision was made known today by the International Olympic Committee which in the New Year will issue invitations to various countries to participate in the games. Invitations will go only to countries possessing National Olympic Committees and as Germany and Japan have not such associations nowadays, they will be barred from the games.

# The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

## Feast Of Hockey At B.P.H.A. Ground

(BY J. C. MAITRA.)

The feast of hockey arranged by the B.P.H.A. will commence at the Association ground on Saturday. A Combined Goan XI will meet a Maharashtra XI on the opening day. Then the Rest will measure their strength with the Combined Railways on Sunday. The winners of the first match are tied with the Combined Services and will meet on Tuesday The finals will be played twice, on January 4 and 5, and the goal-average will decide the issue.

The Selection Committees for the respective sides are trying hard to put up their best eleven. Nets have been cast far and wide to rope in some of the leading players from other parts of India. I understand some of them have accepted their invitations. So the contests will rise to the All-India plane and some first class hockey may be expected.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN TOO?

There is every likelihood of a World Championship for women's hockey being inaugurated in 1948. On a request from the I.H.F. the Bombay Association has volunteered to donate the handsome figure of Rs. 5,000 if India participates in the said tournament. Not only that, they have also offered to stage an All-India competition in 1947 and 1948 and pay all the surplus money to the Federation. I have no doubt Bengal and Madras, who take a good deal of interest in women's hockey, would follow Bombay's generous gesture in a true sporting spirit.

Let us hope that sufficient number of countries would come forward to make the venture a success. The standard of women's hockey in India is fairly high. And if steps are taken from now, it will be possible to raise a first rate side by 1948. The holding of an All-India competition, as suggested by the B.P.H.A. is absolutely necessary. It will give the proper incentive to all aspirants for international honours to raise their standard as high as possible, which will ultimately help India to win the title in the women's sphere as the men have done in their own.

PERPARE FROM NOW.

Now the men must be up and doing too. There are not many months before us for the World Championship to come on. India has been the champion since the tournament was inaugurated. But it will be admitted on all hands that our standard has fallen during recent years. It will not do for us therefore to rest on our past laurels. Every effort must be made to raise the standard to our past level, if not higher. We must see to it that India retains her leadership in this game, as there is not much chance for us to beat the world in other branches of the Olympic Games—at least in the near future. I hope every province will take up the matter seriously at once.

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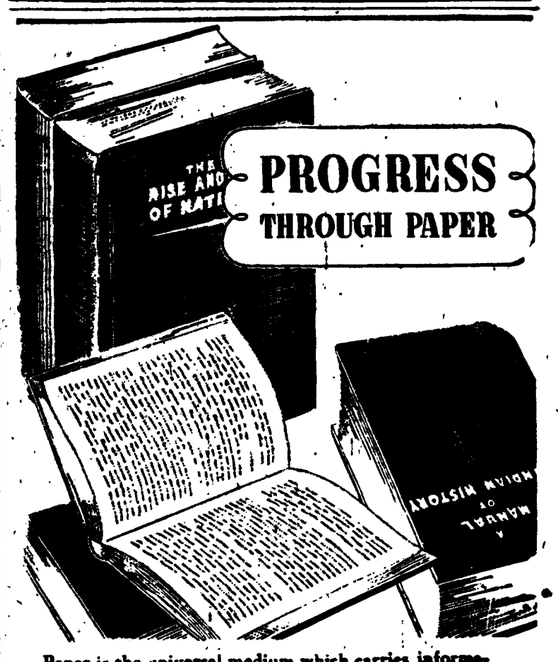


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## To-day's Engagements

LOHANA GATHERING: Gathering of past and present students of the Higher Education Lohana Boarding today ((Wednesday), at 9 a.m., at Blavatsky Lodge French Bridge.

LOHANAS' ELOCUTION COMPETITION: Elocution competition of Lohana undergraduates, today (Wednesday), at 4 p.m., Blavetsky Lodge, French Bridge.

RADICAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY: Third All-India Conference, President: Phillip Spratt, at Cowasji Jehangir Hall, tomorrow (Thursday), at 5-30 p.m.

CONGRESS DAL: A meeting of the officers in charge of the Congress Dal Centres will be held today, at 9 p.m., at the Headquarters of the Congress Dal, Congress House, Bombay 4.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Christmas—The Meaning of the Day" is the subject of a short talk to be followed by Questions and Answers, today, at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

LALITHKALA KARNATAK NATAK SABHA: "Koti-Chennaya", a Kannada Drama,, in aid of the Panamboor Vidyavardhak Sangh, Bombay, today, at 8-30 a.m., at Bhangwadi Theatre, Kalbadevi Road.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: Second All-India Balkan-ji-Bari Workers' Conference. Anrual Joint General Meeting of the All-India Board of Directors, Provincial Executive Committees, Members of the Provincial Advisory Boards and Presidents and Vice-Presidents of all Local Branches, of Balkan-ji-Bari. The All-India Children's Association will be held on Friday (Dec. 27), at Borivli (Shri Ratilal Nanavati's "Suresh Kutir," Mandapeshwar Road) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and at the same time on Saturday, (Dec. 28), and if necessary, also later.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams are now accepted for Camp Odommell (Tarlac) in Luzon Island at the rates applicable to "other offices in Luzon, etc." and La Carlota-Negros in Negros Island and Lady Leyte Island of Leyte at the rates applicable to "other offices" in the Philippine Islands.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Texts of commercial telegrams to and from Austria and Yugoslavia are no longer restricted to exchange of facts and information.

CONGRESS RASHTRABHASHA SAMITI: A 'Teachers' Training Class' especially for Hindustani teachers to acquaint themselves with the easy and scientific method of teaching the Urdu Script will be started by the Rashtrabhasha Sub-Committee of the B. P. C. C. from the third week of January, 1947. The lectures will be delivered by Prof. Rauf and Principal, Deshnavi. Those willing to avail themselves of this should enroll themselves at the Rashtrabhasha Sub-Committee of the B. P. C. C. between 9-30 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. and between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. A nominal fee of Rs. 3 will be charged for the whole course.

NANAVATI ENGLISH SCHOOL: The annual social gathering was celebrated on Saturday last, at Anand Bhuvan Hall. The children gave performances in dances, garba, and dramatic performances. A farewell address was also given to the retiring Head Master, Mr. M. G. Pandya. Mr. K. K. Shah, member of the Municipal Corporation, presided. The President congratulated the school and its management for the high standard of efficiency in giving cultural education in the school besides the usual curricular education, and wished the school, all success.

SHOPS ACT AND CHRISTMAS. The Government of Bombay has suspended on account of Christmas holidays, in respect of all shops, the operation of certain provisions of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act for a period of four days (December 23 to 26, both days inclusive), subject to certain conditions. Similar concessions have been granted to restaurants and eating houses also.

HOLIDAYS FOR RATIONING OFFICES: All Ward and Area Rationing Offices and all Civil Supplies Godowns in Bombay City and Suburbs will remain closed on 25th and 26th December 1946 on account of Christmas holidays. The Government Grain Shops, Government Godowns, Gamdevi Potato Godown and Vegetable Stalls will, however, remain closed only on December 26.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: Today, at 5-30 p.m., at Mazdaznan, Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. Dasturji Bode will deliver a public lecture in English on "The significance of Christmas and the True Teachings of Christ."

B. P. C. C. MEETING: BOMBAY, Dec. 24, (A. P. I.): The adjourned meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Monday, December 30, at 5 p.m., at Congress House.

AZAD HIND DAL: Sirdar Sardulsing Cavisheer, President of the A. I. F. B. will inspect and Address the Azad Hind Dal Units. No. 1, 2, 3 & 4. Walkeshwer Branch at Banganga, today, at 8 p.m.

SOVIET FILM AT KOHINOOR: Friends of the Soviet Union will screen "Rainbow" a Soviet film in Russian based on Stalin Prize novel by Wanda Wasilewsky, 10 a.m. today at Kohinoor Dadar.

JINNAH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: "Life is only possible in peace and tranquillity says a pamphlet over the signatures of Mr. Ibrahim Mistry, president of the Muslim Social Workers' Group, Bombay, Mr. Noormahomed Baser, president of the Pakistan Society and Mr. Ibrahim Kolhapuri Secretary of the Muslim Cutchi Memon Jamset, Bombay. These pamphlets containing the extracts from the appeals by Mr. Jinnah have been distributed in the Muslim localities of the city, on the occasion of the 71st Birthday of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, president of the All India Muslim League.

## GUJARAT RESEARCH SOCIETY'S HEALTH SURVEY

The Gujarat Research Society has started with the help of several donors to conduct health surveys of individuals including an examination and valuation of their daily diets and examination of their urine, stool and blood by laboratory methods. This work would cost about Rs. 40 in private laboratories but is done free of charge at present by this Society at its Health Centre. The only condition attached is that since the family is the unit of social progress, all members of the family should come to the Centre and give the data required for a thorough evaluation of their health. The work is carried out by highly trained male and female doctors and has been greatly appreciated by the Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder who recently visited the Centre.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS. FORECAST TILL THURSDAY MORNING:—Weather will be dry.
OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS:—Weather will continue to be dry.

# BOMBAY CLOTH MARKET GETS PANICKY

## Sequel To Punjab Govt.'s Order Freezing All Cotton Cloth Stocks

BOMBAY, Tuesday, (API): A sudden drop in the prices of unrationed cloth in Bombay was the immediate reaction to the order of the Punjab Government freezing all cloth stocks which had arrived in that Province through the "back door." The cloth market in Bombay was today stated to be panicky.

"Black Market" operators who had bought large quantities of surplus cotton goods through the Department of Disposals, Government of India, with the idea of selling them in the Punjab, where the demand is said to be very high, are now prepared to unload their stocks at considerably low prices.

The decline in the prices of these goods is said to be in the neighbourhood of 25 per cent.

It is stated that since the commencement of the sales of surplus cloth stocks by the Disposals Department many million yards of cloth of good quality have come on the market. The bulk of these stocks has been bought by "Black Market" operators and sold to intermediaries at fancy prices. There is no control, it may be stated, either by the Central or the Provincial Governments in regard to movement and price of these goods.

## MORARJI DESAI INAUGURATES SEVIKA DAL CAMP

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Bombay, inaugurating the part-time camp of Congress Sevika and Kumarika Dal, for the Christmas holidays stressed the need for a change of outlook among women if they wanted to play their rightful part in the social, economic and political fields.

Among those present were Mr. Naginda T. Master and Mr. S. L. Silam, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

Mr. Desai appreciated the efforts of the organisation in utilising the holidays for a useful purpose and wished them success.

The camp proposes to give training in first aid, spinning and other subjects. Its programme includes flag hoisting ceremony at Gowalia Tank on December 29 at 8 in the morning and a "Physical Culture" demonstration at Shivaji Park the next day in the evening.

CENTRAL P.W.D. STAFF UNION: At a well attended meeting of the Central P.W.D. employees of Bombay province, the Managing Committee of the Union was elected with Prof. U. U. Boat as President, S. B. Wagle as Vice-President, S. Venkatarau as Secretary, H. D. Khan as Joint Secretary and V. S. Shukla as Treasurer and 11 members. A resolution authorising the Managing Committee to draft the Charter of Demands of the Union and place it before the next General Body meeting within one month, was unanimously passed.

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12-45 p.m. (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Prem Sangeet 1-25 News (E) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 M. G. Gokhale 4-50 Pannalal Ghosh (Bansari) 5-15 M. G. Gokhale 5-45 Inst. Music 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Gujarati Geeto 6-30 Shashikant Pradhan (Vocal) 6-45 Sudha Desai (Nanalal's compositions) 7-0 B. R. Karanjkar (Bhavgeet) 7-15 Shashikant Pradhan (Vocal) 7-30 Azam Bai 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 9-30 Discussion between Umakant Bhende and Arvind Gokhale 8-45 "Smaran samhita" (elegy written by Narsinhrao Divetia) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Art and architecture: Talk by N. C. Mehta 10-0 Pannalal Ghosh (Bansari) 10-30 Azam Bai.


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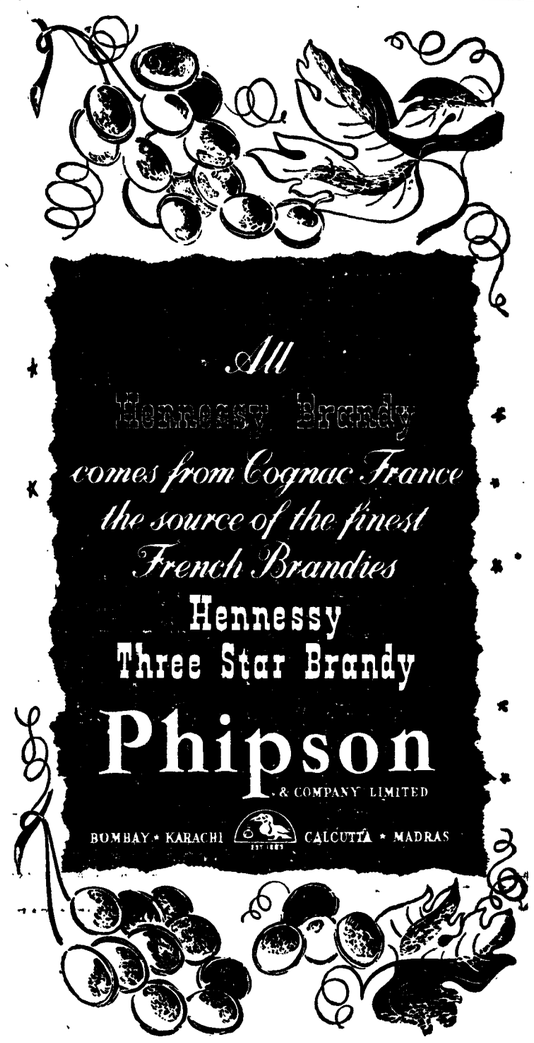
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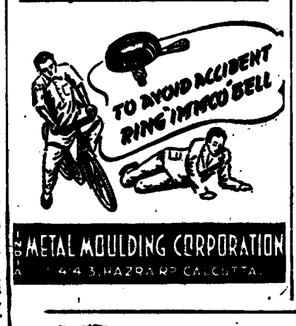

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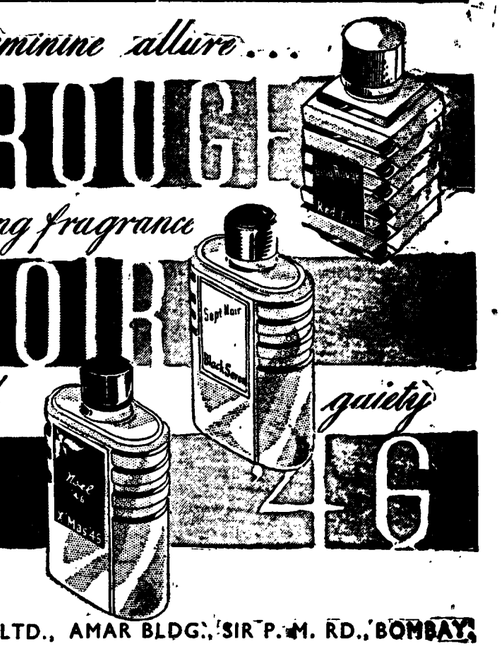


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# Muslim Revolt Against League Policy In Offing

## Sind Jamait To Stand By Congress For Larger Interests Of Asia

**KARACHI, Dec. 24 (A.P.I): "The policy of the Muslim League threatens to embroil the whole country and the Asiatic continent in a state of perpetual strife. We must therefore stand by the Congress in the larger interests of the eastern countries including India as the present policy of the Congress is more conducive to Indian freedom and for the whole of Asia," says a resolution passed at a meeting of the Sind Progressive Muslim Jamait today, Sheikh Abdul Majid, presiding.**

Mr. G. M. Syed and his followers also attended the meeting.

It is the considered opinion of our party that it is almost impossible for any Mussalman to bring about a change in the policy of the Muslim League and unless there is an open rebellion against that policy prospects of its improvement are very remote. A Muslim rebellion against the League fascism alone will enable them to achieve freedom of Islam within or without," the resolution adds.

The meeting also decided to convene in Sind, as early as possible a conference of representative Mussalmans all over India, preparations for which have already commenced.

Speaking on behalf of his party Sheikh Abdul Majid referred to the present situation in India and said that unless sovereignty of the provinces was made basic in the future constitutional scheme the deadlock could never be resolved. It should be left to the choice of the sovereign provinces to join or not to join any group. Recognition of sovereignty of provinces and Indian States, therefore, should be the basis of any future constitutional structure to be set up in this country.

Referring to the recent election to the Sind Assembly, Sheikh Abdul Majid said that his party had decided to challenge the methods adopted by the Muslim League during the elections.

## Nehru, Kripalani And Deo To Meet Gandhiji

NEW DELHI, December 24. (U.P.I.): It is now learnt that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Acharya Kripalani, the Congress President and Mr. Shankarrao Deo, General Secretary of the Congress, who will be leaving for Noakhali by air on December 27 to see Mahatma Gandhi will return to New Delhi by January 2nd next.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Moulana Azad who is now lying indisposed are not accompanying them.

# Gandhiji Contacts Bengal Premier

## Wants Clarification On Noakhali Relief Work

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24 (API): Mahatma Gandhi has addressed an important communication to the Premier of Bengal, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, seeking clarification of certain points regarding relief and rehabilitation work in Noakhali District, the "Hindusthan Standard" reported to-day from Srirampur, Noakhali.

The paper said: "He has, it is believed, invited the Premier's considered opinion as to how far it is possible for the Bengal Government to co-operate with him in his present peace efforts."

"Developments of far-reaching importance are expected in this connection," the "Hindusthan Standard" report added.

### Gandhiji To Continue Walking Tour Round Srirampur

KHAZIRKHIL (Noakhali), Dec. 24 (API): Mahatma Gandhi will continue his walking tour around Srirampur to extend his contacts with both Hindus and Muslims and restore confidence by means of his own technique of "Ahimsa", it is learnt.

# Gun Runners 'Supply Point' Mystery Solved

## 21-Year-Old R. A. F. Armoury Employee Arrested

BOMBAY Tuesday.

The fountain head which was a source of constant supply to the new underworld of fire-arms, has at last been unearthed by the sleuths of the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay C. I. D.

Following the arrest a fortnight back of the proprietor of a tailor's shop and his lieutenants at Ville Parle, which was alleged to be the gun-runners' headquarters, the A. C. B., intensified its investigations in the course of which Inspector Neale and Sub-Inspector Miranda learnt that the supply of arms and ammunition which poured into the shop came from an employee of an R. A. F., armoury at Santa Cruz.

Rajnikant Manishankar Bhat a youth of twenty-one is said to be the armourer who was responsible for smuggling out military fire-arms.

On his arrest by the A. C. B., he was identified by witnesses who had received revolvers from him.

A number of revolvers which were reported missing by the R. A. F. in September last, have been recovered by the detective officers.

## RIOT CASES

In connection with a stabbing incident yesterday the Pydhoni Police arrested two persons. They were placed before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court and remanded to custody today.

The same Magistrate allowed bail to 22 persons who were arrested yesterday by the Princess Street Police on a charge of forming an unlawful assembly.

# Students Hunger-Strike Called Off

POONA, Dec. 24 (API).—The hunger-strike of 11 students including 4 girls of the Nowrosjee Wadia College, ended late last night after nearly 72 hours, through the intervention of Hon. Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, President of the Bombay Legislative Council.

The students and the authorities of the college have both agreed to abide by the decision which will be given by Mr. Pakwasa in consultation with Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, by the second week of January.

It may be recalled that the students residing in the hostel refused to take food in the mess and 11 students including 4 girls started hunger-strike last Friday evening in front of the mess in protest against the proposed increased mess charges and non-compliance of their demand of their having a say in the management of the mess.

**5 CAWNPORE STUDENTS FINED FOR AZAD HIND DAY PROCESSION**

CAWNPORE, December 23. (A.P.I.): Five students were sentenced today by the Additional City Magistrate to pay fines ranging from Rs. 50 to Rs. 150 or in default to undergo one months simple imprisonment for taking out a procession and shouting alleged inflamatory slogans on Azad Hind Movement Day on November 21, in contravention of the District Magistrate's order under Section 144 Cr. P. C.

These students have been allowed time till January 10 to deposit the amount of fines.

## States Negotiating Committee Should Be Reconstituted

BANGALORE, Dec. 22, (A. P. I.): Dissatisfaction that the Constituent Assembly should have recognised the States Negotiating Committee which "should have been" reconstituted on a democratic basis" is expressed in a resolution passed by the Mysore State Congress.

The Working Committee however note that the main point for negotiation will be the method of choosing the representatives of the states for the Constituent Assembly.

The Committee says that all representatives from Mysore to the Constituent Assembly should be "duly elected by elected members of the legislature" The resolution also accords support to Pandit Nehru's resolution regarding the objectives of the Constituent Assembly.

## Pithapuram Not Against Ending Zamindari

MADRAS, Dec. 23, (API): The Maharaja of Pithapuram in a communication to the Associated Press of India referring to his resignation of the membership of the Madras Legislative Assembly says that he resigned from the Assembly on grounds of health and not for the reasons mentioned in the press.

The Maharaja adds: "I have been in favour of acquisition of Zamindaries by the Government on payment of equitable compensation to us. Of course I am against reduction of rents to the level of those in 1802.

## STATES AND FUTURE CONSTITUTION

### Praja Mandals Asked To Submit Full Details Of People's Demands

The Office Secretary, A.-I. States' Peoples' Conference, New Delhi, has issued the following statement to the press: As it is desirable and also very essential to keep the members of the Constituent Assembly well-posted with the aspirations and demands of the people of the States, particularly with regard to the future constitution of Free and United India, the various Prajamandals, State Congresses and other organisations of the people of the States are requested to send all such copies of resolutions, memoranda, declarations, pamphlets etc. in adequate numbers to the Congress Assembly Party Office, 20 Council House, New Delhi as early as possible.


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# Zionist Congress To Boycott London Talks

## Condemns Enforcement Of White Paper Of 1939

BASLE, Dec. 24, (Reuter.) The World Zionist Congress after a long procedural struggle decided at 5-0 a.m. today by 17 votes, not to attend the London talks on Palestine next month, unless a change occurs in the present political situation, namely the British white paper policy. The resolution by the Zionist Labour Party, urging participation in the London Talks on certain conditions received 154 votes.

The Congress had earlier in the night session unanimously adopted a resolution expressing "profound indignation at the continued enforcement by the British Government of the policy of the 1939-white paper."

The resolution said that the white paper was devoid of legal validity, adding: "But for this policy large numbers of Jews could have been saved from Nazi murderers and brought to safety in Palestine.

"The white paper remains an obstacle to the rescue and rehabilitation of hundreds of thousands of surviving Jews in Europe.

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# SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF INDIAN IDEAS

## Sir C. P. Urges Imperative Need Of Indological Research

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The urgent need for the setting up of an Indological research institute to encourage the development of Indological studies at large to save the Indian culture from disappearance was stressed by Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyer, Dewan of Travancore in his written address to the twenty-first session of the Indian Philosophical Congress which met here today. An endowment of rupees 25,000 has been given by Sir C. P. to Constitute the nucleus of a general fund for the institute.

Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Ayyer's address, which in his absence was rendered by Sir Maurice Gwyer Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University, said, that the danger of their (Indological studies) disappearance was a problem which required immediate solution. "The number of chairs at European universities which are still filled is appallingly diminished. In proportion, the primary incentive for taking up these studies is reduced: young men and women joining the universities have less and less opportunity to hear about our culture".

"Our purpose, Sir C. P. said, is therefore, to bridge over this dangerous gap. We want the promising student adepts of the present generation to be able to study Indian culture with the guidance of modern, genuinely Indian methods, and possibly to study it in India in direct touch with the monuments of this culture, with the original documentary evidence, in daily inspiring intercourse with our outstanding pandits and scholars, to imbue themselves with the Sanskrit language and the living tradition of indigenous scholarship: and this will produce in record time a crop of sound research work and a vigorous vanguard of up-to-date Indological learning in the West, making up with a vengeance for the present decline".

"The introduction of intrinsic understanding by Indian scholarship of international Indological research, the establishment of the intellectual leadership of India in the philological and historical study of the documents—will do much to restore the spiritual leadership of Indian ideas of which the world stands in great need".

**RAJAJI'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

Inaugurating the Congress, Mr C. Rajagopalachari said that while other sciences were applied in life, philosophy, which was a truly basic science, stood isolated from application. Today philosophy had come to mean what was not practicable and was not applied. In his opinion there must be something wrong in it. Either its principles must be wrong or there must be something wrong with the man. Whatever the reason we must correct it. He hoped that philosophers in India would not give up the battle. They should not think that they were engaged in useless and impracticable work. They must work and endeavour to bring philosophy into the details of practical every day life. If they were not carried away by dejection and defeat, they could do a tremendous job for their country.

This land, said Mr. Rajagopalachari, had a greater tradition of philosophy than any other part of the world.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chairman of the Reception Committee, expressed regret that the study of philosophy was not as popular in the universities as economics and other subjects. Philosophy, he said, was an essential study and should be encouraged in the universities.

**OVER RS. 6,000 PRESENTED TO JAI PRAKASH IN CAWNPORE**

CAWNPORE, Dec. 23 (API).—Purses amounting to over Rupees 6,000 were presented to Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, Congress Socialist leader, in various places in the city today.

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain started his programme in the morning and addressed about 22 meetings in different localities in the city. The Cawnpore Municipal Board presented a civic address to the Congress Socialist leader. Other associations and business organisations which presented welcome addresses included Khalsa Association, Kirana Association, Kapra Karanchari Mandal and C.O.D. Union.

**BIHAR SCHOOLS TO TEACH SPINNING AND WEAVING**

PATNA, Dec. 23 (API).—The teaching of spinning and weaving in the middle and high schools, it is learnt will be started in all the 55 sub-divisional headquarters of Bihar according to a scheme prepared by the Education Department of the Provincial Government. It is proposed to extend the scheme to other places in the Province later on. The scheme is estimated to cost about rupees six lakhs annually.


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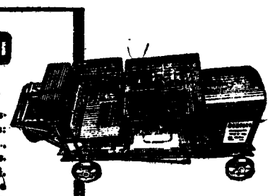

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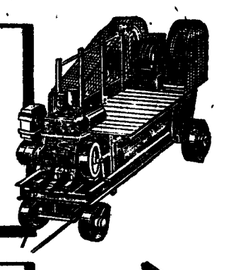

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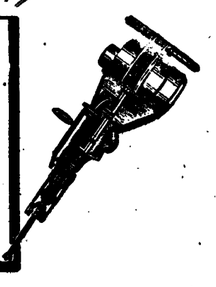

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Mr. T. Godiwala, Advocate, Bombay High Court, was externed from Thana District under the "Goonda" Act. The order was served on him when conducting a case at Dahanu on December 23.

## WHY COMMUNISTS WERE EXPELLED FROM EAST KHANDESH

### Government Explains Reasons For Its Action

"Security proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code and externment proceedings under the District Police Act were recently instituted against some Communist leaders in Amalner and Dhulia, only when they abandoned peaceful methods of agitation and took to methods which endangered the life of peaceful and law-abiding citizens, and amounted to what is known as "goondaism" in common parlance," says a press note issued by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay.

The press note points out that ever since the unfortunate firing incident, of August 27 the Communist leaders in East Khandesh District, notably Mr. and Mrs. Bhagwat, Messrs. S. G. Brahme, S. N. Bhalerao, N. P. Narawane, J. H Gujarathi, K. N. Phadke of Poona and M. N. Walanju have made rabid speeches at Amalner and Jalgaon exhorting the mill workers to take "Blood for Blood". They have described the District Superintendent of Police as a murderer, and have asserted that workers would take revenge upon the Minister for Labour, Mr. Nanda, and the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai.

After citing a number of instances of this kind, the press note says:—"The Government of Bombay wish to reiterate that action under the Criminal Procedure Code and the District Police Act was taken against the Communist leaders only when they abandoned peaceful methods of agitation and instigated mill workers and other labourers to resort to violence.

## MORE EVIDENCE IN PARSI TRUNK MURDER CASE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Sir H. P. Dastur, defence counsel cross-examined Jal Shapurji Minocha, night foreman of "Jam-e-Jamshed" Press where Kaikhushru Bathena, one of the accused worked, when the 'Parsi Trunk Murder Case' came up this afternoon before Mr. A. I Rahimtoola at the Mazagaon Court. Examining the witness, the counsel pointed out that the rough muster roll had been mutilated. Bathena had worked upto May 4 and on 5th he was "off" duty. From 6 to 11 May—the days he was absent—slips of paper were pasted, with "leave" written on them in Gujerati on the roll.

The Magistrate remarked that it was very unusual.

Sub-Inspector Bulsara, who was further examined, said that Gulzar Hussein Kalu Miya, a second-hand trunk dealer, identified on May 19 a green-blue trunk which he had sold to one of the accused.

At this stage the defence counsel objected to this evidence as inadmissible.

After long-drawn arguments between the accused and Crown counsel, further hearing was postponed.

## Brahmin Sabha Forges Ahead

BOMBAY Dec. 24. (UPI): A decision to throw open all its functions to the Harijans was made by the Brahmin Sabha of Bombay which is the most representative organisation of the Maharashtra Brahmins, a resolution to this effect was unanimously passed at a meeting of the General Body of the Sabha on Sunday last. The functions of the Sabha, which will celebrate its silver jubilee next year, had so far been closed to the Harijans.

## India To Participate In Sydney Exhibition

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (U.P.I.): The "United Press of India" reliably understands that the Government of India have decided to participate in the Commercial and Industrial Sections of the Exhibition which the Australian Government are sponsoring in Sydney from March 31 to April 9 next and have made arrangements for the exhibition of Indian products.

The Government of India are also contemplating, it is understood, to participate in the Canadian National Fair to be held in Toronto in August next year.

## BUMPER CROP OF BARLEY

LONDON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Official estimates of Argentina's coarse grain crops issued in Buenos Aires last night surpass expectations. The barley crop of 13,00,000 tons is the biggest on record and should be particularly useful since barley is grown mainly for export. Exports from the last crop created a record and the present one is 35 per cent bigger.

Last night's figures are also encouraging for the important wheat crop in the South, which can hardly hav done badly if coarse grains have done so well.

PARIS, (I.P.S.): The French Journalist Jacques Souverain who disclosed prematurely the rejection of the clemency appeal of Nazi leaders at Nuremburg has been expelled from Berlin under orders of Gen Koonnig, The French C.-in-C. in Berlin.


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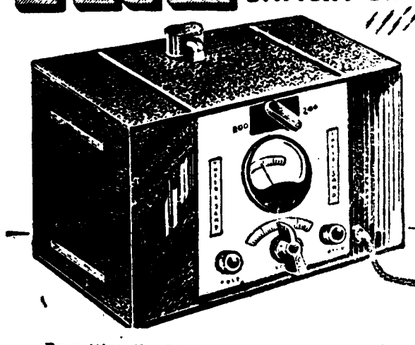

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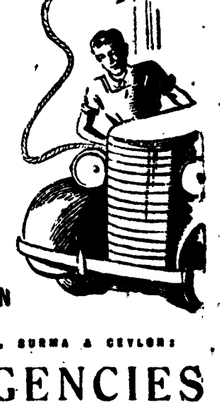

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## ALL-INDIA WEATHER

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## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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The Bombay Chronicle

## INDIAN SHIPPING

Mr. Walchand Hirachand's speech at the 27th ordinary general meeting of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company shows that, though the difficulties created by the war have not yet ended, appreciable progress may be expected in Indian shipping in the ensuing year. Particularly welcome is the company's decision to buy five Liberty ships from America and establish a regular monthly cargo service between India and America early next year. This venture will greatly assist in the carriage of foodgrains which this country may continue to need for some years and will also enable further contacts with America. Fair progress may also be expected in carrying pilgrims between India and Jeddah. There are promising possibilities in the coastal trade, too, as soon as the company is in a position to replace its ships lost in the war and build new ones. It is encouraging to learn that the company has decided to build, at its ship-building yard at Vizag, three ships per year during the next five years, so that older ships of the company may be replaced by new ones suited to modern requirements. When fully equipped, the company may reasonably expect to expand considerably its coastal traffic with the help of popular Governments both at the Centre and in the Provinces. As there is now a National Government in Burma Mr. Walchand has reason to hope that the Government will accord to Indians, who have played an important part in the national economy of Burma, a treatment not in any way less favourable than the one that may be accorded to Britishers.

Though India will soon be politically free it may not be easy for her to safeguard the interests of national shipping in its fierce competition with the well-established and organised shipping interests of western countries like Britain and America Mr. Walchand pertinently points out that even in the U. K., where both the Shipping and the Shipbuilding Industries have reached a high stage of perfection and have been able to build up enormous financial resources, actual financial assistance was given for building ships, and that assistance was only discontinued when the building of ships on private account had been suspended to meet the exigencies of the war. We share Mr. Walchand's hope that the Tariff Board and the Government would recognise the claims established by the industry in its early stage of development in this country, for such financial help as it actually needs. The Government of India is alive to the need for promoting Indian shipping in all possible ways. Indeed, it cannot be otherwise when one finds that the existing tonnage of the Indian shipping companies is only a little over a lac of tons, where as the Shipping Policy Sub-Committee has recommended that the tonnage owned, controlled and managed by the nationals of this country should reach at least two million tons during the period of the next five or seven years. In view of the announcement of the policy by the Government for the rapid industrialisation of India, and particularly for the development of such basic industries as would help the defence of the country, it is essential, as Mr. Walchand suggests, that there should be no delay in putting the Shipbuilding Industry in this land on a very sound and economic and efficient basis.

Having established themselves with the aid of State protection in every possible form, Western shipping interests are now exerting their international influence to maintain free trade in shipping so as to prevent countries like India from putting any necessary restrictions on foreign shipping trading with her. But as the Commerce Member remarked at a recent meeting in Bombay: "Free trade with regard to shipping has proved disastrous and will have to be replaced by some other arrangements if we want India to take her legitimate place in the comity of nations. I think it was Mahatmaji who said that any talk of free trade between the strong and the weak was a snare and an illusion and you can rest assured that the Government will always keep themselves alive to the dangers inherent in this system and see that any handicaps placed in the way of the development of Indian Shipping or Shipbuilding should disappear as soon as possible." We trust that not only will handicaps placed in the way of Indian shipping will be removed but the Government will do everything necessary for the development of Indian shipping.

## Frankly Speaking

### Afghan Sardars' Protest

We commend the protest of the Afghan Sardars, detained in Poona, to the prompt and sympathetic consideration of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. They have suffered hardships, inevitable in detention, now for over seven years. And it is time that the policy towards them was revised, especially since a national Government is in office now. Sometime ago Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, referring to their case, stated in the Central Assembly that the Government of Afghanistan had also to be consulted and its opinion taken into account. That is as it should be. But it is possible to do something for these gentlemen without disregarding India's obligations to her neighbour and friend. For instance, the financial assistance given to them could be increased. Or they might be allowed freedom of movement inside India. We hope their representation to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru meets with sympathy.

### France And Indo-China

A responsible American newspaper, the "New York Herald Tribune" said recently that "the French haven't shown in the past, nor are they now demonstrating much capacity for dealing with nationalist aspirations of the people of Asia." This is at the bottom of the whole trouble in Indo-China. And the American paper—no "leftist" and quite sympathetic to the countries of Western Europe—is quite right when it adds further that "in the end the French may lose everything they possess in Indo-China." The French seem already to have forced the beginning of that process. Thanks more to the attitude and utterances of Admiral D'Argenlieu than to alleged Viet Nam "intransigeance", the Nationalists and the French are in a state of open war. As M. Leon Blum told the French National Assembly, the situation is "not reassuring". The point is that it cannot be restored to a reassuring state by Imperialist methods and military force.

### Force Cannot Succeed

General Leclerc, the liberator of Paris is reported to be on his way to Indo-China and so also are French military reinforcements. If there are people in France who think that French divisions, aeroplanes and legendary military heroes can re-establish French Imperialism they are gravely mistaken. The Viet Nam representatives have in a statement warned that if the French circles spoiling for war "want to impose on Viet Nam a policy of force, they will be faced with twenty million men, women and children." No army can put down an awakened people determined to liberate themselves. Guns and bombs cannot avail. And in the present case France simply cannot endure the strain of an Imperialist policy of force for any length of time. The country, already weakened miserably and facing a serious crisis, will be broken economically if it resorts to a militarist policy. The only hope, not so much for Indo-China as for France herself, lies in M. Leon Blum. In his speech at the National Assembly he declared that "the old colonial system based on possession by conquest and its maintenance by force is a thing of the past according to our republican doctrine." If he acts unreservedly in the spirit of this statement, France can yet win the friendship and goodwill of Indo-China. The Viet Nam does not necessarily want war but it cannot compromise on the right to freedom and independence.

### "Daridra Narayana"

This is the title of a book recently published by Anand T. Hingorani of Karachi. It is the third publication of the "Gandhi Series" and contains about fifty articles on food and cloth scarcity, written by Gandhiji in "Harijan" in 1942 and 1946, (pages 110; price Rs. 3). In a preface to the book Mr. Hingorani justly commends to the public Gandhiji's message of "self-help as a sovereign remedy". The articles selected are indeed of permanent interest and deserve to be carefully read and re-read. The get up, paper and printing of the book are excellent but the high price of Rs. 3 may hinder the wide circulation the book deserves.

## ALLEGED PLAN TO ATTACK SIND PREMIER

KARACHI, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The Sind Government in a Press Note today has disclosed that an attack on the Premier Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah had been planned on the polling day at Tatta from where the Premier's son, Anwar Hussain, fought the Assembly elections on the Muslim League ticket.

The Press Note refers to the arrest of Fazal Mohmed, brother of Mohmed Usman Soomro, who opposed the Premier's son on behalf of the progressive Muslim Jamiat and says that the Sub-Divisional Magistrate had received secret information that the Muslim Jamiat would create trouble on the polling day. The Magistrate was informed by an unimpeachable source about the plans to attack the Sind Premier. He therefore, demanded a security from Fazal Soomro, under the Section 107 C.P.C., binding him down to keep peace till the completion of elections. Fazal Soomro was given three hours' time at his own request to provide a surety which he eventually succeeded in doing.

As the situation at Tatta was tense and delicate the Sub-Divisional Magistrate contacted the District Magistrate immediately. When the Sub-Divisional Magistrate returned from Karachi the same night, Muhammed Usman Soomro came to his bungalow and stood surety for peaceful conduct of his brother, Fazal Mohmed Soomro.

## Bharatiya Arts & Science College

The annual social gathering of the Arts and Science College of the Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan came off at the premises of the College, on December 22 and 23. Sir Mandal Nanavati was the chief guest.

Welcoming the guests Dr. Boolchand, the Principal of the College, referred to the noble ideals embodied in the constitution and expressed satisfaction at the progress made by the Bhavan during the short period of the existence.

Referring to the College he said:— "The College has at present 529 students on its rolls, of whom fifteen per cent are girl students. The academic staff consists of 38 distinguished and experienced teachers. Six of these are ladies, four working as lecturers and two as demonstrators".

"The College has four hostels, one exclusively meant for ladies. The Principal, three Rectors (two for boys and one for the Ladies' Hostel) and four Superintendents stay on the premises. Mess arrangement in the hostels is in the form of clubs managed by the students themselves. Our hostels require further expansions, for next year with the opening of the B.A. and B.Sc. classes we may expect to get at least double the number of applicants for admission into the hostels.

**EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES**

"The College has many extra-mural activities. Prominent among them is the College Parliament. We hope in the near future to hold more sittings in which we shall have Parliamentary debates on subjects of vital interest to the country at large and to our College in particular". Besides this we have the literary Association, the Students' Union, the Music Circle, the Dramatic Society, and the Science Seminar. All these give ample scope to the students for the expression of their different talents.

"The College has a Gymkhana, which has made arrangements for Cricket, Hockey, Football, Tennis, Volley Ball, Badminton, Ping-Pong, Ring-Tennis and several Indian games like Kho-Kho and Hu-tu-tu. We have also made provision for indoor games, on account of which our students' Common Room is exceptionally popular.

"In addition to sports and games we have organised a comprehensive Physical Training Course, which is highly conducive to the general health and discipline of the students. According to the rules of the Bombay University, physical training is compulsory for all College students, and we have in our service for this purpose a special P. T. Inspector, an ex-I.N.A. officer, who conducts regular classes for physical training in batches of forty, for the hostel residents in the morning and for others in the afternoon.

"The College has an experienced medical officer in Dr. R. P. Bhatt, who looks after the general health of the hostel students. We have a small dispensary at which the Doctor is in attendance for an hour in the morning. He also makes periodical examination of the students of the College and gives them help and advice when needed.

**ON THE ACADEMIC SIDE**

"As far as the academic side of the College is concerned, you are no doubt aware that in our Arts and Science College we teach almost all the subjects permissible under the University regulations. We have already applied for affiliation for the B.A. and the Junior B.Sc. classes next year, and for B.A. and B.Sc. we have made provision for many of the popular subjects and popular combinations.

"The College Library has, at present, nearly three thousand volumes. More books are being added every day. The Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's institute of Political Science Library is also located in the College and possesses several hundred books of an advanced character on Political Science and Public Administration.

## MUSLIM WOMEN PROTEST AGAINST MARRIAGE BILL

BOMBAY, Dec. 24, (O. P. I.): "This public meeting of the Muslim Ladies of Bombay held on Dec. 22, at Begh Mohd. Hall places on record its emphatic protest against Mrs. Leelavati Munshi's Bill to provide for the prevention of unequitable marriages in the Province of Bombay which was presented at a session of the Bombay Legislative Assembly on 30th July, 1946 and which was published in the Bombay Government "Gazette" of 15th August, 1946 in order to elicit public opinion and considering that this Bill will interfere with the rights and liberty of Muslims and it is an undue interference in the Shiriat Mohamadi; this meeting also considers that Muslims should be exempted from the application of the provisions of this Bill as Shariat Mohamedi which is complete in itself."

The above resolution was passed at a meeting of Ladies Sub-Committee Bombay Provincial Muslim League, held on Sunday, at 3 p.m., presided by Mrs. Khadija Shafi Tyabji, to protest against Mrs. K. M. Munshi's Bill of inequitable marriages.

## Jinnah Summons

## LEAGUE LEGISLATURES PARTIES' CHIEFS' MEETING

LUCKNOW, Dec. 24, (U.P.I.): It is learnt that an informal meeting of the Muslim League Party Leaders of the Provincial Legislatures has been summoned by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League at Karachi.

Mr. Jinnah, it is understood, will confer with the provincial leaders regarding the present communal situation in the country.

Chaudhury Khaliquzzaman, Leader of the Muslim League Parliamentary Party in the United Provinces, left Lucknow for Karachi this morning in this connection.

## DEVELOPING KOLABA HELPS BOMBAY

### Plea For A New Deal For City's Backyard

By T. V. PARVATE

If the Suburban and Thana Districts form the front yard of Bombay, the Kolaba District is its backward. This backyard of Bombay has come into prominence during the last few weeks on account of communal troubles and the visits to the District by the Governor of Bombay, the Home Member, Mr. Morarji Desai, and Mr D. K. Kunte, Parliamentary Secretary, who represents this District in the Bombay Legislative Assembly.

**DHARAMTAR BRIDGE.**

The spokesmen of the people availed themselves of the opportunity provided by the visits of such important personages to their District to air some of their grievances and press some immediate demands. Of paramount importance is the need of a bridge over the Dharamtar Creek to connect Alibag Taluka and town with the rest of the District. The Governor of Bombay was duly appraised of this demand and it may be hoped that in the reconstruction programme for this District it will get the pride of place.

Mr. L. M. Patil, Member for Local Self-Government and Reconstruction, was to have paid a visit to Alibag on November, 15 and 16 and conferred with public workers and popular spokesmen of the District with a view to formulating a programme of work of reconstruction for the first five years. Mr. Patil will hold this conference some time soon and it may be of some service to this conference and the public of the District to mention some items of reconstruction that are of immediate and vital concern to the District.

**PLEA FOR RAILWAYS**

I have already mentioned the bridge across the Dharamtar Creek. This item is entirely under the Provincial P.W.D. jurisdiction. Another important item at least from the point of view of Panvel, Pen and Alibag talukas of Kolaba District is a closer linking up of towns from these talukas with Bombay. Already Panvel, Pen and Uran are more or less like Kalyan, Karjat, Thana and Bandra in relation to Bombay, the city's suburbs across the harbour. For, there are daily passengers coming to Bombay, from these places in buses, motor launches and steam launches. With a speedier service, it is quite practical to have healthy suburban development across the harbour in Elephanta, Nhova, Uran, etc. In consultation with those engaged in Greater Bombay plans, the Kolaba District leaders can press for development on these lines and the Minister for Reconstruction can surely help them.

Allied closely with this is another proposal. It is contemplated that the G.I.P.R. should build a new railway track from Kurla to Palasdari, covering Panvel on the way across the Ulva Creek, in order to save 20 minutes in the Bombay-Poona journey. There is a suggestion to have a small railway line of 15 miles from Panvel to Uran in this context. Kolaba people would be well-advised in welcoming this scheme as it will mean speedier and more reliable communication with Bombay. An extension of the Karjat-Khopoli line as far as Alibag, through Pen is also a proposition that is helpful to the growth of trade and industry in Kolaba.

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Proximity to Bombay and Poona has not so far been of very great use to the peasants of this district in that the produce from their fields and gardens, which admits of immense growth if properly encouraged, cannot be speedily carried to these principal centres of the Bombay Province. Transport facilities will bring this dream into reality. Kolaba must provide Bombay with a good proportion of its requirements in vegetables, fruit, eggs and chickens, fresh and dry fish besides milk and its by-products. Salt from Uran salt-pans must be better produced and on a larger scale and the tail water from the Tata Hydro-Electric works up the ghats running through the rivers in the District must be properly harnessed to raise second crops in the fields lying along these rivers.

This tail-water if properly tackled will solve the problem of water scarcity in the district. For most of the areas in the District, preservation of storm water by raising bunds and dams and keeping in good order tanks and reservoirs is the only remedy. The District Board has sunk 800 wells in the District but most of them are dry in summer, thus not meeting the purpose for which they were dug.

These are some of the urgent socio-economic needs of the District. Many more can be easily enumerated and undoubtedly the conference which Mr. Patil has called will consider them. It is of great importance however that things begin to take concrete and practical form in the immediate future. When the Congress took office in 1937, many schemes of water supply were prepared but few carried out. It may be hoped that there are better prospects in view for this District now.

## Zionist Congress Resolution Not Last Word

### Participation In London Talks Likely If Restrictions Are Removed

LONDON, Dec. 24 (A. P. I.): Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Zionist Congress, is expected to discuss with the British Cabinet the situation resulting from last night's Congress decision not to attend the Palestine Conference, a Jewish Agency spokesman in London stated this morning, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

Dr. Weizmann is now regarded here as hvaing two possible courses of action before him: Firstly, to refuse to stand again for the Presidency of Congress in view of its rejection of his policy; Secondly, to stand for the Presidency risking a defeat with the intention, if successful, of negotiating conditions under which a majority of the Zionist Congress would be willing to attend the Palestine Conference.

Last night's resolution left a loophole for negotiating by stating that attendance must not take place "under the existing circumstances", but if there were a change in the situation the matter could be referred to the General Council of the Zionist Organisation.

Jewish Agency representatives in London believe that this change would have to include the British decision to remove restrictions on Jewish immigration to Palestine and an understanding that the Jewish delegates would not be committed to partition.

## HUNT FOR URANIUM?

(ABOARD THE MOUNT OLYMPUS), Dec. 24 (U.P.A.): Two ships of the western branch of Admiral Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic to-day, reported they had reached the fringe of the Polar regions and had sighted many icebergs. These ships—the seaplane tender "Currituck" and the destroyer "Henderson"—which began their journey from West Coast ports are now reported on the Antarctic Circle.

The Antarctic may become the most coveted spot in the world, with the United States alone staying out of the ruck. The leaders of the expedition repeatedly stressed that this was merely what it was billed to be—a scientific undertaking to chart the Antarctic's unexplored areas and inventory its mineral assets.

Expedition officials were so cautious over wrong ideas being taken from their explorations that one remarked: "We are avoiding anything that might give the appearance of imperialism among the penguins and seals."

Lt. Commander William Menster, who is Catholic Chaplain aboard the "Mount Olympus", wanted to consecrate the ice which will be the expedition's base but Navy officers said they did not think it wise. Rear Admiral Richard Cruzen, tactical commander of the expedition, feared that any ceremony might be interpreted by other nations as an annexation ruse. The expedition is not even setting up any temporary post office for use by the expedition or philatelists. Nothing whatever will be done to antagonize any other country.

**AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITION TO GO TO ANTARCTIC**

CANBERRA, Dec. 24 (Reuter): A warship may pave the way for the Australian Antarctic Expedition, which has now been decided upon, in order to reconnoitre for a base, it was officially stated here to-day.

Much trouble will be saved if a Reconnaissance Expedition is despatched quickly as the warship may then do the job. For the Winter Expedition a specially conditioned ship would be necessary. Since the season is already well advanced the situation is becoming race against time.

The Australian Government will later send a fully equipped expedition to develop mineral and fishing resources to take up the Australian claim to a third of the Antarctic mass.

Government departments concerned will have the services of the veteran explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson, at their disposal for any advice.

The United States Navy Department announced earlier this month that the United States Navy Task Force, 5,000 strong, consisting of ice-breakers, planes and aircraft tenders was being organised under Admiral Richard Byrd, an explorer to search for uranium, the principal constituent of the atomic bomb.

A part of the Task Force under the Admiral left Atlantic and Pacific ports on December 2 for a rendezvous. The remainder of the Task Force will leave in the middle of January.

Besides Australia and the United States, Britain, Norway, Chile, Sweden and Argentina are also sending expeditions to the Antarctic.

## Bomb Explosion In Cairo Suburb

CAIRO, Dec. 24, (Reuter): A bomb was thrown tonight at the building of the Anglo-Egyptian Union at Zamalek, a suburb in Cairo. The windows were damaged but there were no casualties.

A car which was seen outside the building during the explosion rushed off immediately afterwards.

The Anglo-Egyptian Union was founded to promote Anglo-Egyptian friendship.

## U. S. AMNESTY FOR 800,000 GERMANS

FRANKFURT, Dec. 24. (U.P.A.): A United States amnesty for 800,000 Germans not chargeable under de-Nazification laws as major offenders and whose financial status shows they did not profit from the Nazi regime was announced by United States Military Governor General McNarney in a speech here this afternoon.

## Paratroops For Indo-China

### Severe Fighting Continues: Bangkok Claims 2000 French Surrendered

PARIS, Dec. 24 (Reuter): Paratroops of the first regiment of the French 25th airborne division are now on their way from North Africa to Saigon to reinforce the French troops fighting the Vietnam (Indo-Chinese Republic) forces in Indo-China, it was reported here to-day.

They left Bone, Algeria, aboard a French cruiser yesterday. A French Defence Ministry official refusing to deny or confirm the report, said: "Troop movements are confidential." But well-informed Paris quarters had stated last night that reinforcements were on their way and included Senegalese troops.

General Jacques Philippe Le Clerc who was recalled from his post as French Commander-in-Chief of Indo-China some months ago is returning there to-morrow. Paris observers regard his return as heralding "firm hand" policy of the French Government towards Vietnam troops.

The number of French civilians killed in the latest outbreak of French-Vietnam fighting in Northern Indo-China now totals 44, it was reported to-day.

Otherwise the situation was progressing "satisfactorily" for the French troops.

**SEVERE FIGHTING**

The United Press of America says.

A 'communique' of the French Military Headquarters in Hanoi said to-day that there was severe fighting throughout Northern Indo-China, but reported the situation "satisfactory," according to an A.F.P. dispatch from Hanoi.

The 'communique' gave the following picture of the fighting:

HANOI: Known number of French killed since start of Vietnam attack mounted to 44. Military casualties were not given. French forces were said to be pushing attacks in three directions outside the city south along the road towards due west despite frequent Vietnam barricades, mopping up.

AT BAC NINH, there is close fighting with the French holding the entire European quarter of the city.

PHU LANG TOUNG is the scene of a Vietnam night attack in which the outcome was not given.

AT NAM DINH there was severe fighting with the town under artillery and automatic arms attack from the Vietnam forces who are reported to be reinforced.

AT CAM PHPA, in north-west Tonkin Province, French installations were sabotaged.

The 'communique' also reported that French elements from Tien Yen 'en route' to Langson had reached Dinh Lap. Eight French soldiers who were 'en route' to Langson at the start of hostilities were listed as missing.

**Meanwhile, reports from Bangkok said that the Vietnam radio broadcast that 2,000 French troops garrisoning NamDinh and also Bac Ninh surrendered unconditionally without Merliere's consent and added that the Vietnam artillery shot down several French Spitfires in the Hanoi area.**

## Aid To Indians In Germany

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24, (API): The Government of India are understood to be considering schemes to give financial and other help to Indians in Germany and arrangements are expected to be completed shortly. The Indian Military Mission in Berlin has been authorised to offer loans to Indians who are genuinely in need. One hundred relief parcels containing food and light clothing have recently been flown to Berlin by the Government of India. Arrangements are nearly complete whereby any Indian in India can send gift parcels to Indians in Germany. The question of sending money orders to Germany is being considered and a decision is expected shortly.

It is believed that there are 79 Indian Nationals in Germany. Of these 58 have been traced so far. Ten of them have already been repatriated while 26 are expected to be back in India in the next two months. The remaining, it is said, have expressed a desire to stay on in Germany.

Repatriation is being delayed it is pointed out, by heavy booking on shipping from the U. K. and not due to any ban on Indians now in Germany. Any Indian who can prove that his passage from the U. K. has been reserved can leave Germany although he might have been viewed as a collaborator during the war. This regulation is equally applicable to all non-British Nationals.

## Amalner Incidents

### Labour Leader's Statements Refuted By Govt.

The attention of the Government of Bombay has been drawn to a report of a Press Conference held on December 18 in Bombay, by Mr. Dinkar Desai, Secretary, Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, who had been deputed by the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress to enquire into and report on the circumstances and events that led to the firing at Amalner.

In the course of his statement at the Conference Mr. Desai is reported to have alleged that the Government of Bombay failed to intervene in time in the dispute between the workers and the management of the Pratap Mills of Amalner. This failure, according to him, culminated in the firing. Mr. Desai alleges: "This failure is particularly objectionable in view of the fact that the dispute had dragged on for a very long time and that the Union had repeatedly and pressingly requested Government intervention, showing their readiness for an amicable settlement. If Government had intervened in time, the tragedy of August 27 could have been avoided."

The allegations of failure on the part of the Government to intervene in time in the dispute, is quite incorrect.

The Amalner Girni Kamgar Union served a Notice of Strike dated July 23rd, 1946, on the Management of the Pratap Mills, Amalner.

On August 20, Mr. S. S. Mirajkar, Secretary, All-India Trade Union Congress, interviewed the Labour Minister on behalf of the Amalner Girni Kamgar Union and was assured by the Minister that the Amalner dispute was receiving Government's close attention and that the Government would soon be moving in the matter.

On August 24, the Commissioner of Labour sent a telegram to the Management of the Pratap Mills, asking them whether they were prepared to go to arbitration. On August 27, the Labour Minister received their reply from which it appeared that they were not agreeable to arbitration in this case.

On the same day, i.e. on August 27, the Commissioner of Labour sent a telegram to the Amalner Girni Kamgar Union enquiring whether they were prepared to go to arbitration. At the time when the telegram was despatched to the Union, the Commissioner of Labour was not aware of the fact that firing had already taken place. The sending of this telegram was just a step in the process of Government's intervention in the case which was already under way, and had no connection at all with the firing.

NANKING, Dec. 24. (Reuter): Although there will be no truce or Armistice on the North China battlegrounds, there will be plum-puddings and parties, dances, traditional capers and crackers in Nanking this X'mas.

## TETE-A-TETE

**WITHOUT COMMENT**

**When his attention was drawn to Doctor Ambedkar's opposition to the partition of India, Mr. Mandal (League nominee in Interim Govt.) remarked that it did not reflect the policy of the Scheduled Castes Federation but at the same time Dr. Ambedkar's opinion in favour of the ultimate unity of India was not wholly unjustified in the light of the State Paper of May 16.**

—Press Report.

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It is announced that His Excellency Lord Wavell has returned to New Delhi from his visit to London and resumed his high office.

Also the old routine, refreshed and reinforced?

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Broadcasting on international affairs Mr. Bevin declared: "My policy is to work to create conditions in which different races can co-operate and which will reflect themselves in happiness and freedom."

In order to facilitate the work he should call in the expert assistance of Lord Linlithgow.

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Having learned lessons of leadership through long years, Great Britain has, with the Commonwealth, Mr. Bevin said, "a great contribution to make...."

And she is making it too.

For instance, the great statement of December 6.

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The British Government have replaced their earlier plan for a Malaya Union with another for a Federation of Malaya based on the autonomy of the States rulers, according to a Reuter report.

No change. Or possibly one for the better. Mr. Winston Churchill can sleep in peace.

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Speaking on Indo-China M. Leon Blum said in the French National Assembly that the old colonial system based on possession by conquest and its maintenance by force was a thing of the past.

Quite clearly M. Leon Blum is not descended spiritually and physically from a long line of colonial conquerors down to his father.

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A United States naval landing craft had to leave the port of Dairen within 20 minutes as a result of an ultimatum by the Soviet Military Commander.

Do we expect some fun?

## ONLY INDIAN PRESSMAN AT U.N.O.

### Chagla Urges Adequate Representation

LONDON, Dec. 24. (U.P.I.): The Indian Press must be adequately represented in all important International Conferences.

This appears to be the unanimous opinion of all the members of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

"I have no hesitation in stating that it is a national responsibility to make sure that the Indian Press is properly represented in future international gathering". Mr. Justice Chagla, a member of the Delegation told the 'United Press of India" in an exclusive interview this evening.

"It was painful", Justice Chagla added, "to notice one solitary Indian journalist amongst the hordes representing the Press of other countries while the Indian Delegation was playing a strikingly leading role in all weighty issues. On this issue, I feel strongly enough to make a public statement while preferring to remain silent on the controversial issues".

Mr. P. N. Sapru another member of the Indian Delegation, expressed himself more strongly when interviewed by the "United Press of India". "I was ashamed and horrified", he said, "to see that none but the "Hindu" of Madras has sent a correspondent to report the proceedings of the United Nations Organisation, while to my knowledge, arrangements were made for at least nine Indian journalists. The Indian news agencies and papers must wake up to their responsibilities". Mr. Sapru also felt that apart from news interpretation to the Indian public, our country must see that publicity centres are established abroad to counter-act mischievous propaganda by interested parties.

# Moratorium On Wage Increase

## C. E. C. Chief Suggests Way For Industrial Peace In America

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Twelve months moratorium on wage increases was proposed to-day by Charter Wilson, President of the important General Electric Company, as a new move in the labour versus business wage war in the United States.

Moratorium, he told a Press Conference, was vitally necessary to give industry a period of adjustment during which technological advances of the war could be passed on to consumers in the form of lower prices.

During the moratorium, "which should run at least through 1947", he added, industry would forgo the price increases.

"Very much depends on maintaining a 'status quo' in prices and wages", Mr. Wilson said, "It is not fair to 140,000,000 peoples of this country to ask them to accept higher prices."

A powerful minority group in the United States industry favour the immediate repeal of three most important federal labour laws here—the Wagner Act which provides for collective bargaining, the Wage and Hour Act which established the forty-hour week and Norris La Guardia Act which prohibits injunctions in labour disputes.

The group's attitude was disclosed to-day in a report of the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers. The report urged amendment or repeal of the present labour laws and it was predicted that this group would exert powerful pressure on the new Republican controlled Congress.

# Why He Did Not Fast On Noakhali Issue

## *Mahatma Not Out To Embarrass Or Discredit Ministry, But To Bring About Communal Amity*

SRIRAMPUR, (Noakhali) Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): "I have not come here either to discredit the Bengal Government before the eyes of the world or to embarrass them", said Mahatma Gandhi in his after-prayer speech this evening. If the Bengal Ministers felt that his presence in Noakhali was embarrassing them, then he would certainly reconsider his position. Gandhiji added. But he had not heard any such complaint from the Ministers.

Most of the Bengal Ministers, Gandhiji continued, were his friends and the District Officials also considered him to be their friend. If any one of them felt his presence embarrassing or obstructing the good work done by them, they were free to inform h.m.

Gandhiji said that people had asked him why he did not undertake a fast against the Bengal Government If he did it would surely bring discredit to Bengal and the Bengal Ministry which Gandhiji wanted to avoid. He would assure all friends that he had not come to Bengal with the object of bringing discredit to the Muslim League or the League Ministry. Gandhiji's only object of stay in Noakhali was to bring communal harmony which had been disturbed since October last.

He referred to a report of the Bihar Muslim League on the Bihar disturbances, a copy of which had been received by him two days ago. What happened to Bihar was undoubtedly condemnable, but he had authoritative information that nothing more was happening there and calm had practically been restored. Gandhiji had gone through that report very carefully, and if half of what the report contained was true, then surely he would have no place in the land of living. He felt that casualty figures and loss of property given in the report had been exaggerated. If he was asked why he did not go to Bihar, he would say he was doing Bihar's work even from Srirampur. The Bihar Government was a Congress Government and he could use his influence over the members of that Government to undertake energetically all measures calculated to restore confidence among the affected community. He gave up a portion of his daily food when he had heard of the happenings in Bihar and resumed it only when he was assured by the Bihar Government that the situation there was fast returning to normal. He felt his presence there was not immediately necessary.

Gandhiji further said that he had been receiving letters and telegrams complaining that his presence in Noakhali was itself an obstruction to early rehabilitation and reestablishment of friendly relations between the two communities. Gandhiji mentioned that the other day he had refuted the rumour that he was contemplating a 'satyagrah' from here. He thought he must contradict these rumours also. A 'satyagrahi' always made known his plans to his adversary. If he had recourse to secrecy it would not be 'satyagraha' but "Duragraha". But Gandhiji would be a 'satyagrahi'. He said his mission in Noakhali was to establish a heart unity between the two communities, and as soon as he was satisfied that it had been established, he would leave Noakhali with a happy heart. He had plenty of work to do elsewhere, and at present his presence was needed in Delhi where big things were happening. He had come to East Bengal because he felt that the work he had undertaken was of supreme importance, and if he succeeded in his mission, it would have a profound influence not only in Bengal but throughout the country and the world.

## *BENGAL GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO STAY OUT*

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): The Government of Bengal have, it is learnt, decided not to participate in the Interim Government's scheme for future recruitment to the I.C.S. and other services. Instead, the Bengal Government will have their own scheme for recruitment, training, control and pay with regard to the I.C.S., I.P.S., and other Imperial Services.

### Noakhali Invitation To Congress Cabinet

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last summer to the Sikh leader, Master Tara Singh, "to make an addition to or give an interpretation" of the Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16, and said: "The statement of December 6 is not only an interpretation but makes a substantial addition to that statement."

Sardar Baldev Singh, who recently went to London with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Jinnah for talks with the British Premier, Clement Attlee, on the Congress-Muslim League problem, gave the conference a gist of the London talks, a Board spokesman revealed.

The Board also appointed a six member delegation to meet the All-India Congress Committee members at their forthcoming meeting in Delhi for "getting safeguards for the Sikhs as promised by the Congress."

A Board member, in an interview to the Associated Press of America, termed to-day's Sikh decisions as "very significant inasmuch as they brought the Sikhs much nearer the Congress and drove them further away from the British and the Muslim League."

The Associated Press of India adds, The meeting deputed Bawa Harkishen Singh and Sardar Harnam Singh to see Mahatma Gandhi and to request him to help in getting adequate safeguards to the Sikhs and to fulfil the Congress commitments to the Sikhs.

The Board further deputed Sardar Sampuran Singh, M.L.A. (Central), Sardar Manghal Singh, M.L.A. (Central), Jathedar Audham Singh Nagoke, M.L.A. (Punjab), Sardar Basani Singh Mgal, Secretary of the Prithinidhi Panthic Board, Sardar Ishar Singh Majhail and Giani Kartar Singh to see members of the All India Congress Committee at Delhi before the meeting of the A.I.C.C. in order to get safeguards for the Sikhs.

**"ACT WITH CARE AND CAUTION"**

LAHORE, Dec. 24, (API): The Working Committee of the All India Majlis-i-Ahrar which has been meeting here during the last three days passed a resolution stating that the Congress should "act with care and caution, lest the high ideal of the independence of the country should suffer by its opposition to an unnecessary but harmless grouping system."

The Committee characterised as "political shortsightedness" the view of the Muslim League to call the grouping system as Pakistan because, the Committee considered in reality the groups were totally powerless after they were divested of three most important subjects — Defence, Foreign Affairs and Communications.

## *Colville Resumes*

BOMBAY, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): His Excellency Sir John Colville resumed charge of the office of the Governor of Bombay yesterday afternoon, states a notification in a Gazette extraordinary.

**GHAFFAR KHAN IN LAHORE**

LAHORE, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, accompanied by Lal Meherchand Khanna, Finance Minister, N.W.F.P., arrived in Lahore this afternoon on their way to Peshawar.

# NEW TAXATION FOR AHMEDABAD

## Municipality Acts On Manu Subedar's Report

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23.

Ahmedabad Municipal General Board in its to-day's meeting passed a resolution, following the report of Manu Subedar on the financial condition of Ahmedabad Municipality, revising the taxation rules and imposing a new taxation of about Rs. 35,00,000 on the citizens of Ahmedabad. It is for enforcing the Five-Year Development Plan of the Ahmedabad Municipality, recently suggested, by an overwhelming majority. Rupees five per each show of cinema will be levied and a 3 per cent loan will be issued for houses of the poor people.

The Associated Press of India says:—

Additional taxation proposals estimated to yield an income of 35 lakhs, were passed at the meeting of the Ahmedabad Municipality last night. The income will be utilised for financing the five year plan of the Municipality, designed to improve the city.

The new taxation proposals include a tax on open lands at the rate of one and quarter per cent of the capital valuation and a theatre tax at the rate of Rs. 25 per each performance, Rs. 10 per each "tamasa" and Rs. 5 per each cinema show. The schedule of conveyance tax on motor cars motor cycles etc., has been also revised.

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# JAMIL BEY'S FRESH MOVE

DAMASCUS, Dec. 24, (Reuter): Jamil Mardam Bey, former Syrian Minister in Cairo and Syrian ex-Premier, who has been charged with the formation of a new Government, has started negotiations on the basis of a coalition Cabinet embracing new elements including the previous opposition, it was reported today.

Jamil Mardam Bey, who is the chairman of the Council of the Arab League, is well-known for his influence with many Arab Governments.

The Cabinet crisis was brought on by the announcement on Saturday by the Deputy Premier on the resignation of Premier Saadullah who is in Cairo attending the conference of the Arab League.

### Eastern Pakistan Territorial Designs

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now reached is due to the British policy in India. Recent events bear this out.

The purpose of all shifty manoeuvring over the formation of Government in India was to provoke Muslim League action against the Congress which, under Indian conditions, was bound to bring Hindu-Muslim clashes and bloodshed in its train.

British ruling circles have always denied supporting the Muslim movement for a division of India. But London newspapers do not trouble to conceal what is concealed in official documents. The 'Daily Mail', for example, is openly in favour of dividing India into Hindustan and Pakistan. Far from eliminating community antagonism in India, however, such a division would only make it worse.

In India as a whole the Muslim minority makes up 23 per cent of the population, whereas in the proposed Pakistan there would be a 40 per cent minority of Hindus and Sikhs; this Pakistan minority, if such it may be called, is more active and organised than the Muslim majority so that the division of India would only intensify the strife which is just what the authorities of the division project want.

So with India, the scene of seething passions and massacres, the British would have an excuse for perpetual interference in India's internal affairs and would thus be able to retain their hold on the country".

## *COUNTER-REVOLUTION BUSY IN INDIA*

LONDON, Dec. 24. (Reuter): The Federation of Indian Associations in Great Britain has received the following message for publication in its journal, "India" from Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, a leader of the Congress Socialist Party and wife of India's Ambassador-Designate to the United States: "India fights for freedom. Real freedom has yet to come. Those who believe in its inevitability should recognise further the need for training the fighters. It is the peasants, workers and the under civilized who need to be free. They must become conscious of their class strength. Also they must evolve an effective technique to achieve freedom.

"Actionists must know that actions end in futility if they are not preplanned and prepared, but, in the meantime, counter-revolution is busy destroying the insurrectionary strength of our people.

"Communalists who cling to the foreign ruler and refuse to recognise the unity of India have deflected the pentup anti-British feeling into counter-communal channels. For identifying themselves with the Muslim League, Muslim masses are paying with their lives for the wrongs of their leaders.

"British people must learn to look below the surface of events in India.

"We must insist on total and unconditional withdrawal of the British power from India.

"The institution of separate electorates and legacy of the near-two-century old policy of divide and rule have done enough harm.

"Finally, we must realise that until the foreign power retires, India can know no peace.

"Enlightened public opinion in England should not tolerate the use of imperialist argument by the Socialist Government.

# Soviet Iron Curtain Over Dairen Lifted

## Truth Behind Ultimatum To American Ship

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, (A.P.A.): The United States State Department was seeking today full details of the verbal ultimatum to have been issued by the Soviet military authorities, ordering an American navy craft to leave Dairen within 20 minutes or risk the consequences.**

**A spokesman said that the Department was awaiting a report on the incident from the U. S. Consul at Dairen.**

"We have been entirely too easy" with Russia said Senator Tom Stewart (Democrat, Tennessee). He added he was very much interested in seeing what the U. S. State and Navy Departments have to say about the matter. He urged a thorough investigation into the ultimatum.

The only U. S. Navy comment to date has been the acknowledgment that the vessel described in the Dairen despatch left there last Friday.

Senetor Stewart said the Russians should not have been allowed to enter Manchuria in the first place "They have done nothing but pillage the whole area." The Soviet Union, h econcluded, "made no contribution of any consequence to the war against Japan since the atom bomb already had been dropped when Russia entered the Pasific war. We've been entirely too easy with them and this incident shows their attitude to us."

Senator Johnson (Democrat, Colorado) commented: "It looks like the good neighbour policy has not quite reached that part of the world," and added "ultimatums of this kind are not quite in keeping with the Christmas spirit."

**IRON CURTAIN OVER DAIREN**

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (Reuter): Mr. William H. Newton, combined press correspondent on board a United States ship which was reported on Monday to have left Dairen (Manchuria) after a 20-minute ultimatum from Soviet authorities, stated in a delayed message from Dairen, received here to-day, that "Soviet Russia intends to retain full control of the city of Dairen and will keep military forces there until after the Peace Treaty with Japan is signed.

"This will be done under the technical definition of a Clause in the Sino-Soviet Pact of August 1945 concerning Dairen", the despatch added.

Newton said that Major General V. U. Korshanov, Soviet Military Commander at Dairen, had refused permission for two American press correspondents to land, but it had been possible to get a comprehensive picture of Dairen under Soviet rule from neutral and Chinese sources."

"Dairen is closely regulated behind an iron curtain as is any Soviet city", his despatch added. "The only currency is Soviet military scrip."

**INDUSTRY PARALYSED**

Newton added: "Industry is paralysed. Hunger and unemployment are widespread and prices are wildly inflated.

Summary arrests and punishment are a rule rather than an exception. There is no freedom of speech or of press. Petty cruelties to the Chinese and White Russians are almost a daily occurrence. Many young Chinese students have been arrested for expressing beliefs that full Chinese sovereignty should be restored.

"The Americans are almost under constant surveillance. Posters advise the jobless Chinese that if the Americans would go out of China there would be peace and prosperity. At the same time, the Soviets themselves make full use of the American lease-lend equipment including liberty ships, planes and vehicles of all sorts."

## *BOMB EXPLOSION IN MADRID*

MADRID, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Ten persons were injured—two seriously—when a small bomb exploded among Christmas shopping crowds thronging Rambla Cataluna in Barcelona last night.

**DUTCH PLENIPOTENTIARY RECALLED FROM MADRID**

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24 (APA).—Mr. P. C. Pettenman, Netherlands Special Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary in Madrid, has been recalled by the Queen of the Netherlands, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced last night.

Baron Van Voorst has been appointed temporary Charges d'Affaires.

**SIX-RUN VICTORY FOR WESTERN INDIA STATES**

RAJKOT, Dec. 24 (A. P. I.): The Western India States XI captained by the Thakore Saheb of Rajkot State won the Ranji Trophy Cricket match against Gujerat skippered by Vinoo Mankad by six runs.

**INTER-UNIVERSITY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

MADRAS, Dec. 24 (A. P. I): The Nagpur University won the South Zone Final of the Inter-University Hockey Tournament when they beat the Madras University by two goals to one in the replay this evening. The deciding goal was scored during extra time.

**FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY PERSONNEL**

SYDNEY, Dec. 24 (Reuter): The Federal Capital Territory team meeting the M.C.C. in a two-day match at Canberra starting on Dec. 27 will be selected from the following:—P. Hourigan (Captain), F. Johnson, H. Longbottom, F. Jones, C. Goodfellow, K. Merchant, L. Bennet, L. Fisher, J. Hanson, L. Patterson, R. Potts, A. Broadhurst. The twelfth man will be announced on the morning of the match.

The M.C.C. team was announced earlier to-day.

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## *Within Soviet' Legal Rights*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, (Reuter): A State Department official today said that the Russians acted within their legal rights in refusing to allow an American businessman and two newsmen to enter Dairen in Manchuria last Friday.

It was added in the statement that preliminary reports received by the State Department from China confirmed the "substantial accuracy" of the news dispatch concerning the incident.

# NEW CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA

## Stormy Scenes In National Assembly During Second Reading

NANKING, Dec. 24 (Reuter): The National Assembly completed the second reading of the revised Constitution to-day in one of its stormiest and rowdiest sessions.

It is still a race against time to complete the third reading, adopt the Constitution and fix the date of its enforcement before noon on Christmas Day, although some observers believe that the third reading may be completed to-night.

The revision of Articles relating to fundamental policies held up the second reading of the Constitution this morning.

Delegates became more and more impatient of to-day's sessions, giving many speakers a rough time with hisses and boos.

When the disturbance was at its height, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek entered the hall and his presence helped to quieten the meeting.

Only an unexpected hitch will deny China her first Republican Constitution within the next 24 hours.

## *Impossible To Oust Franco*

PARIS, Dec. 24, (U.P.A.): Jose Giral, President of the Spanish Republican Government, told the United Press of America exclusively today that it would be impossible to oust Generalissimo Franco by forming and Interim Central Government in Spain as Morgan Philipson, the Secretary of Britain's Labour Party, in a recent statement said was now planned by the British, in an exclusive written question and answer interview with a U.P.A. staff correspondent.

Giral said, "The formation of an Interim Government in Spain is impossible without Franco's consent. He would immediately oppose it, imprisoning anyone who sought to make it up".

On the reported British position that economic sanctions against Franco would be useless while Argentina continued to trade with Spain, Giral said such sanctions "would force his immediate downfall regardless of the Spanish-Argentine treaty".

## *CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA*

NEW DELHI, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): The Canadian Government have appointed Mr. John Doherty Kearney as High Commissioner for Canada in India, says a press "communique" this evening.

The Government of India hope to reciprocate by appointing their own High Commissioner in Canada as soon as possible.

### SHAH OF PERSIA ILL

LONDON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): The Shah of Persia was taken ill last night. Official Bulletins quoted by Teheran radio declared today.

He had high temperature, but passed a quiet night after treatment, the radio added.

## *TRIBAL RAIDS ON FRONTIER VILLAGES*

PESHAWAR, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Two men were kidnapped and one seriously injured when a gang of twenty armed tribal outlaws raided the village of Garah Shahbaz, in police station Tank of Dera Ismail Khan District, according to a report from Tank to-day.

Village Kiri Haidar is also reported to have been raided and a man kidnapped.

**COAL DELIVERIES SAVE AUSTIN MOTOR FACTORY**

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 24, (Reuter): The Austin Motor Company announced today that the shut down notice to 14,500 employees because of coal shortage at their Birmingham factory has been cancelled, as sufficient coal has now been delivered to enable work to be resumed on Monday December 30.

Iron and steel foundries, in danger of closing down in Lancashire because of coal shortage, may also not have to do so.

The Iron and Steel Control Board today gave an assurance that every effort would be made to renew supplies to works and some deliveries have already been made.

There has been no answer yet, however, to the appeals from cotton mills who also say that they are in danger of closing down.

# Peep Into Mahatma's Daily Life At Srirampur

## Seventy-Seven-Year-Old Gandhiji Working 18 To 20 Hours For His Ideal

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24. (A.P.A.): Seventy-seven-year-old Mahatma Gandhi, experimenting with his 'ahimsa' ideal in the far off East Bengal village of Srirampur, is working 18 to 20 hours every day.

An A.P.A. correspondent who stayed in Srirampur for nearly a week gathered these details of the Mahatma's daily life:

Gandhiji rises "with the lark" at 4 o'clock in the morning and conducts a small prayer. Drinking eight ounces of warm water mixed with one ounce of honey, Gandhi starts work—reading, writing or interviewing people. Two hours later, he takes eight ounces of fruit juice either of orange or mousambi whichever available.

At 7-30, accompanied by some of his close associates, he strolls on for about 90 minutes along the narrow, dew-soaked village footpaths. This is the time when invariably news hawks hover around him. He is now increasing his walking time and the speed of walk, obviously preparing himself for his contemplated walking tour.

He returns back at about 9 o'clock and has massage for about two hours, followed by hot water bath

His first full meal at 11 o'clock consists of eight ounces of goat milk, boiled vegetables, about three tolas of paper-thin chapatis, a few bits of radish and fruit. Sometimes he takes vegetables boiled with rice as an alternative to chapaties.

While at meals, he conducts interviews. His visitors vary from learned scholars of both communities (Hindus and Muslims) to widows and orphans soliciting his advice and help.

AFTERNOON NAP.

Often he sleeps for about half an hour in the afternoon and wakes up with clocklike precision. He takes about 12 ounces of tender cocoanut water, along with the kernel if it is tender too.

He puts mud pack on his stomach for about half an hour, part of his nature cure. He spins after a while, talking to his visitors and cracking jokes with children who throng around him.

After his evening prayer at 5 p.m., Gandhiji goes out for his second walk in the course of the day.

Immediately on return he plunges into work again and his second heavy meal does not vary from the first taken in the forenoon.

It is a wild conjecture as to when he would retire for the day. It may be anytime between 10 p.m. to 1 or 2 a.m.

One day in the lean hours of the morning at 2-30, the A.P.A. correspondent saw light burning in Gandhiji's cottage and there was sign of life too. Peeping in, he found Gandhiji at work.

# 19 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 24, (Reuter): Nineteen people were killed when a London-Buenos Aires airliner crashed in storm into a mountainside 14 miles from Rio De Janeiro yesterday, it was learned today. They are believed to include six Britons.

There were two survivors — Claudio Mendoza of Lima, Peru, and Henrique Lecoq of Argentina.

Among those on board were an Argentine diplomat who has not yet been named — he joined the plane at Lisbon — and Mr. Richard and Mrs. Dorothy Pearse. Mr. Richard Pearse, formerly Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force was on his way to take up a civil aviation position in Argentina. His wife formerly Miss Dorothy Spicer, was a well-known flyer and the first woman to hold the British Air Ministry's A; B; C and D flying licenses; allowing her to pilot any type of plane.

Early today rescue parties were hacking their way through dense forests in torrential rain to reach the wreck.

The plane which was on its first trip, was owned by the Fama (Flota Aera Mercante Argentina). Its route was London, Paris, Lisbon, Natal Rio de Janeiro Buenos Aires.

Fama Air Lines have confirmed the accident to an Argentine plane near Rio De Janeiro but do not know the details. The plane with a British crew crashed into a mountain-side.

High winds and torrents of rain have hindered rescue work, and late tonight casualties were not known but it was believed that at least seven were dead in the York plane which was en route from London to Buenos Aires.

The civil air authorities state that several hours must pass before rescue parties, hacking their way through forest can reach the plane. They also express little hope that there are any survivors.

### SALES TAX ANOMALIES

The management of International Book House, Ltd, has addressed the following communication to the Finance Department, Bombay Government, regarding the Sales Tax:—

"We and all legitimate merchants are forced to collect, account for and pay a Sales Tax. The streets of Bombay are cluttered with licensed and unlicensed hawkers, who neither keep accounts issue sales accounts slips or collect sales tax. This makes it even harder on the legitimate merchant who obeys the law. Please have the streets cleared of such hawkers for your as well as the mercantile community's benefit."

# *Curfew In Small Area Of City*

Purely as a punitive measure, the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has ordered Curfew to be enforced in a small area of about one square mile in the City of Bombay for a period of seven days from to-day between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The streets, etc., where the curfew will be enforced are:

**Rose Cottage Lane (Champsi Bhimji Road), Matharpakhadi Road, Coppersmith Street, Carpenter Street to Nawab Tank, Reay Road (exclusive) to Arched Bungalow Road., Arched Bungalow Road, Ghorupdeo Road to its junction with Mount Road and Victoria Road, Mount Road to its junction with Rose Cottage Lane.**

**ELEVEN STABBINGS ON TUESDAY**

BOMBAY, Dec. 24 (A.P.I.): A Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity late to-night says:—"In all eleven persons were injured by stabbing on Tuesday in Dongri, Princess Street, Phalton Road, Agripada, Nagpada Byculla, Reay Road and Lal Baug area. Two of the victims died.

"Fifteen persons have been rounded up in connection with the stabbings in Lal Baug, Dongri, Princess Street, and Byculla area.

"Byculla also reported stone-throwing in which the police fired one round from a stengun."

**EMERGENCY RENEWED**

The Government of Bombay has renewed the Proclamation of Emergency in Greater Bombay for a further period of one month from December 28, 1946.

**EMERGENCY IN MANDANGAD TALUKA EXTENDED**

The Government of Bombay has renewed the proclamation of emergency in the Mandangad Taluka of the Ratnagiri District for a further period of one month from December 25, 1946.

**CURFEW IN AHMEDABAD RELAXED**

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23 (API).—Curfew has been withdrawn altogether from outside the city walls and relaxed by two hours inside the city walls. It will now be in force from 12 midnight to 4 a.m. inside the city walls.

HYDERABAD, (Dn). Dec. 24. (API): The Nizam's Government has decided to prohibit opium smoking in the State. Exemption will, however, be granted to addicts on medical advice.

# O. P. Karaka: Off My Chest

Christmas is here and there is nothing I have to get off my chest this morning except may be that little extra piece of cake and that odd glass of wine.

The world should be at peace to-day for there is peace at Christmas wherever it is.

Kindness, tolerance, fellow-feeling: let's have some of it if only for a day. Who was it who said:

"Be kind to your web-footed friends
For a goose may be somebody's mother."

Ah! That is the mood of the day. Oodles of Christian Charity: poodles de-pooing on your settee: dogs barking but the caravan goes on.

Don't read your paper this morning and worry about what anyone has said. It will hold till Christmas is over.

The best Christmas I ever spent was in Paris in the days when a siren was not an air-raid warning and when a Franchman put out his lights it was not because the bombers had come over.

Those were the days when the King of Spain was worried about nothing more than the odd second he wanted to knock off his speed record from Barcelona to Madrid. The King of England could make a speech from the throne and no labour rebel would oppose it. The King of Greece was King of Greece. The King of Ethiopia was not even known.

The world has changed since those days when young men used to wait at the Stage-doors of Cochran shows for a little putsi-wootsie to come out. Young men are still waiting to-day—but it is only for the next moment to come.

But what difference does it make what one waits for, so long as it arrives in the end?

Right now I only know that Christmas is here and that church bells will be ringing to-day and prayers will be said in Christian churches. Man will bow down this one day of the year. Even capitalists will pray on their knees to-day, just as they prey on the rest of the people for the rest of the days.

Ah! well—banish all thoughts. Take a Christmas Card someone may have sent to you and read the words. Then,

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God..."

Glory be!

Glorianna!

## *BRITISH GIVE UP ANTARCTIC BASE TO U.S.*

LONDON, Dec. 24 (A.P.A.). A report that the United States had asked Britain to give up an Antarctic base in favour of a private expedition was broadcast by the Moscow radio to-day.

The expedition, it was stated, was not connected with the official U. S. naval expedition under Rear Admiral Richard Byrd. The report, attributed to the Washington correspondent of the North American newspaper "Alliance", said that the State Department asked the British to leave Marguerite Bay base, which they occupied at the beginning of the war.

The note is also stated to contain a demand that the British should leave all buildings, stores and equipment in full order, added the broadcast as quoted by the Soviet Monitor in London.

The correspondent said that the British are leaving their barracks which are only 250 yards from the American base established by Admiral Byrd in 1941.

### United States Of Indonesia To Assume Legal Entity

BATAVIA, Dec. 24. (Reuter): Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Lieut. Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, said in a speech at eDn Pasar Conference, the text of which is now released, that the projected United States of Indonesia might assume a "status of a legal entity "within possibly not more than two years.

"Holland wishes to introduce this new State to the United Nations but does not wish to run the risk of its being excluded by vote", he added.

"It is not true that the republic has been recognised as supreme", he declared.

## *U. S. LIFTS RESTRICTION ON PENICILLIN*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (U.P.A.): The Office of Temporary Controls today lifted all restrictions on the distribution of penicillin saying that the supply was now adequate to meet all domestic and export requirements.

### Syed For London

KARACHI, Dec. 24 (U.P.I.): Mr. G. M. Syed, Leader of the Muslim Jamiat Party, is leaving for Delhi next week. He proposes to contact prominent non-League Muslim leaders there and to discuss plans for a united front against the League.

Mr. Syed is also planning to visit London.

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REVISED ENTERTAINMENT ORDER

Public are reminded that it is an offence under the 'Revised Entertainment Order' issued by the Government of Bombay on March 8, 1946, to serve eatables (including fruits) to more than 25 persons in connection with any party, entertainment or function—social, religious or otherwise.

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## CRAWFORD MARKET STRIKE ENDS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Dy. Municipal Commissioner writes:—

There is a strike in the Arthur Crawford Market of the Stall-holders on account of the enhancement of Stallage charges from 1st August, 1946, by the Standing Committee as per their Resolution No. 622 of 25-7-46.

Negotiations have been started with the Deputy Municipal Commissioner in order to try to come to an understanding and it has been agreed by both parties that representatives of the Arthur Crawford Market Stall-holders' Association and the Deputy Municipal Commissioner will sit together and arrive at a scale of stallage charges and place them before the Municipal Commissioner and the Standing Committee for their orders and the strike shall be called off today.

(Sd.) J. F. BULSARA,
Dy. Municipal Commissioner,
24/12/46.

(Sd.) S. H. JHABVALA,
Market Vendors' Association.

## *"JINNAH DAY" MEETING*

Under the auspices of Bombay Provincial Muslim League a public meeting of the Musalmans of Bombay will be held at Mastan Shah Bag Bombay, today, at 4 p.m., to celebrate "Jinnah Day". Special arrangements for the loud-speakers are made.

"JINNAH DAY" FLAG SALUTATION: Under the auspices of the All-India Muslim League National Guards, Bombay, a flag salutation ceremony will be held today, at Mastan Talao Maidan, at 8 a.m. All the ranks of the Muslim National Guards should be present in uniform at 7-30 a.m.

"C." WARD DISTRICT MUSLIM LEAGUE: Under the auspices "C." Ward District Muslim League flag hoisting ceremony will be performed at Mahfile Khudame Chistia Erskine Road, at 9 a.m. Mr. M. O. Kokil, President District Muslim League, "C." Ward, will unfurl the Muslim League flag. Loud-speakers have been specially provided on the occasion.

RATIONING STAFF ASSOCIATION (CITY & B. S. D.): First meeting of the elected representatives on the Central Rationing Staff Board of the Association today, at 10-0 a.m. (S. T.), at the office of the Association, 77, Shyam Bhuvan, Parel Poibvadi Naka, to elect the Standing Committee and do other work.

## Financial Aid To Dhulia Municipality

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Dhulia Municipal Borough is faced with a serious financial burden and many schemes of public utility like water supply, construction of drainage, repair of roads damaged by heavy military traffic, etc., are held over due to want of funds. A deputation on behalf of the Municipality, led by Mr. V. A. Ranasing, president, waited on Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, today and sought immediate financial aid from the Government to execute these important public works and also to meet the increasing establishment charges of the municipality.

Mr. Vartak, it is learnt, assured them that the matter would be considered immediately by the Government and all possible help would be given to expedite the works already undertaken by the municipality.

## "Spiritual Values Can Bring About Unity"

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Addressing a meeting under the auspices of the Progressive Group at the Greens Hotel yesterday on "The Role of Women today", Mrs. Lancaster, one of the British delegates to the All-India Women's Conference, said that spiritual values alone could unite all the people in a world which has been stripped of its morals by modern scientific developments. She added that the sufferings and hardships undergone both by Britain and India had brought them closer and most of the women in England supported India's demand for freedom.

The world which was passing through a critical period was looking for a new leadership to eradicate poverty and other evils and she felt that young people of both the countries especially women, had a great duty to discharge. She asserted that lasting peace could only be built on the concrete foundations of religion.

Lady Pares and Miss Dorothea Lancaster, the two other British delegates also addressd the meeting.

## Suburban Dairy-owners' Demands

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The need for appointing representatives of the milk trade on the Board of Control contemplated in the Bombay Government's Milk Scheme is stressed in one of the three resolutions passed at a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Suburban Dairy Owners' Association held recently at the office of the Association.

A second resolution requests the Government to continue their present Subsidised Milk Distribution Scheme.

## 3 Arts Luncheon To Mrs. Lam

Mrs. Mithan Lam, the new Sheriff of Bombay, was entertained to a luncheon at the Taj on Sunday last by the 3 Arts Circle.

Welcoming the guests Atiya Begum extolled the services of the Parsis to the country and described them as "pioneers in everything progressive". She wished the affairs of the world to pass from men to women so that all could live like human beings.

Mrs. Mithan Lam made a suitable reply.

## Indian Colonial Conference

The 2nd Indian Colonial Conference will be held in Delhi in March 1947 along with the Inter-Asian Relations Conference. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, the President of the Society, will preside.

RAJPIPLA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE.

RAJPIPLA, Dec 24: The youths of Rajpipla, a premier State of Gujarat, are to meet in a Conference under the presidentship of Mr. Yahyabhai Lokhandwala, on 29th and 30th December at Rajpipla.

## *Seven Congressmen Fined 1 Anna Each*

FEROZEPORE, Dec. 24, (A.P.I.): Seven persons, including the President and Secretary of the Ferozepore City Congress Committee, have been sentenced by a local Magistrate to pay a fine of one anna each for having violated an order under Sec. 144 of Cr. P. C. The accused pleaded guilty.

The accused were tried for having held a public meeting in Gokhale Hall on November 13 to mourn the death of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in contravention of the order.

## *INDO-BURMA TELEPHONE LINK*

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.) The India-Burma overland telephonic link which was established for the first time during the war for military purposes will shortly be made available for civilian use, it is learnt. The Indian Posts and Telegraph Department have taken over from the military three trunk telephone channels between Burma and Imphal, thereby linking the telephone systems of the two countries. The lines are at present under test before being finally thrown open to the public.

## *PLAGUE HITS 100 BIHAR VILLAGES*

BEGUSARAI, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): Plague has broken out in about one hundred villages in Begusarai Sub-Division (Monghyr District) and about 200 deaths have been reported so far. Begusarai town is still free from plague, but cases of rats being affected are reported in some localities.

## SIND M.L.A. CONVICTED

KARACHI, Dec. 24 (U.P.I.): Mr. Newandram Vishindas, M.L.A. (Congress), was convicted yesterday by the District Magistrate of Nawabshah for contempt of court and sentenced till the rising of the court and fined Rs. 200, in default of which to suffer one month's simple imprisonment. The fine was paid.

## *INDIAN FOOD SITUATION IMPROVING*

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24: (Reuter): The situation in India will improve in the first half of 1947 but may again deteriorate if imports are insufficient, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation stated last night in a document appraising the world food picture.

It credited the Government's procurement and rationing system with preventing famine but warned of the possible consequences of "seriously depleted" stocks.

## Plea For Third Police Court At Dadar

BOMBAY, Dec. 24. (A.P.I.): The need for establishing a third police court at Dadar was stressed by a deputation of Dadar Police Court practitioners who waited on the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai at the Secretariat this afternoon.

The opening of a new court, it was pointed out, would considerably relieve the pressure of work in other police courts in Dadar.

The Home Minister, it is understood, assured the deputationists that he would consider the suggestion.

## Removal Of Control On Cotton Export Urged

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Indian Cotton Exporters Association at a meeting held recently here decided to send its president Mr. N. F. Abdulali to Delhi to represent to the Commerce Member the grave dangers American cotton forcing out Indian cotton from importing countries if the various export controls on the latter were not removed immediately.


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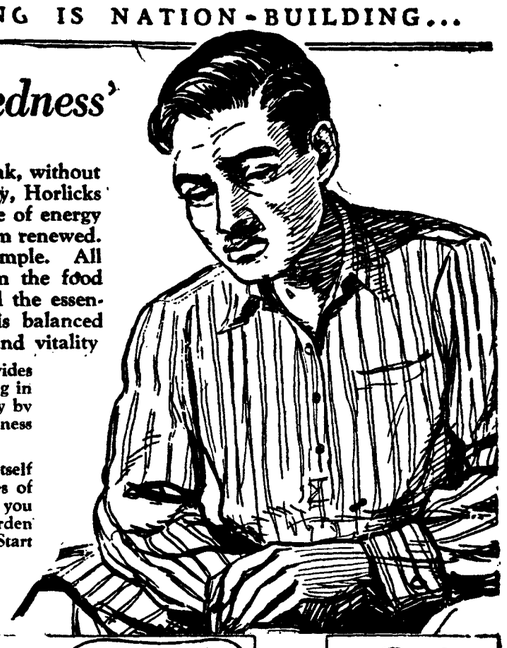

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# NEWS FROM CITY MARKETS

## BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, December 24.

The local cotton market has lost all hopes for any upward revision in selling prices and those who bought in anticipation have liquidated most of their purchases.

In the meantime it is understood that three ministers of the Bombay Government are discussing with two representatives and from each panel the proposed reforms.

The market opened today at Rs. 457/8 for January delivery and declined at Rs. 456/8 under scattered liquidation but steadied at Rs. 457/- on scattered short covering.

There was further small buying and January improved at Rs. 458 and steadier at Rs. 457/12.

There was increased short covering and January improved at Rs. 459/8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| I.C.C. Jan. | 459 | 2 | 0 |
| I.C.C. March | 470 | 14 | 0 |
| I.C.C. May | 479 | 14 | 0 |
| I.C.C. July | 490 | 0 | 0 |
| I.C.C. Sept. | 498 | 14 | 0 |

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January Contract is 1511 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

| | Hi. | Lo. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 459-1/2 | 454-1/2 | 457-1/4 |
| March | 472 | 466 | 469-1/8 |
| May | 481 | 475 | 478-1/4 |
| July | 491-1/2 | 485-1/2 | 489 |
| Sept. | 499 | 493 | 497-/2 |
| Karachi 4F Jan. | 50-2-3 | 49-11-6 | 49-13-3 |

NEW YORK SEED PRICES

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. The following were closing prices of seeds on the New York Market today.

White Pepper 50 to 55 cents per pound.

Black Pepper 55 to 60 cents per pound.

Castorseeds dol. 250 nom per long

Cottonseeds dol. 90 to dol. 110 per ton.

Flaxseed dol. 7.25 per bushel.

Peanuts 17-1/2 to 18 cents per pound.

Linseed Oil 34.5 to 35 cents per pound.

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## GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, December 24.

The market did not open at the scheduled time as members were busy with Havalas and trading will be resumed in the afternoon.

Forward Silver for Posh delivery opened at Rs. 144/12 and advanced at Rs. 146 under renewed buying and steadied at Rs. 145/8. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 149/8. Posh Gold opened at Rs. 98.4 and advanced at Rs. 98/12 on moderate buying and steadied at Rs. 98/10. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 103.

The market finally closed as under:

| | Rs. | as. | p. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ready Silver | 151 | 10 | 0 |
| Posh Delivery | 146 | 14 | 0 |
| Ready Gold | 102 | 10 | 0 |
| Posh Delivery | 99 | 1 | 0 |

NEW YORK SILVER MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, (U.P.A.): On the New York Bullion Exchange today, the price of silver remained unchanged at 35-3/4 cents per ounce. Traders reported that the volume of business was small, probably under 200,000 ounces, as activity continued to be slow in the pre-holiday period. Jewellery makers and silversmiths have ceased manufacture during shop cleaning and inventory taking but are expected to resume buying and building up inventories early in the New Year. All silver movement that took place today was for the domestic market.

LONDON SILVER MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 23, (U.P.A.): The official price of silver remained unchanged today at 55-1/2 pence per ounce, spot and forward. The official gold price also remained unchanged at 172 shillings and three pence per fine ounce.

Meanwhile, bullion brokers Sharpe and Wilkinson said today that a small proportion of the 4,000 bars of silver shipped to Bombay on the "Tarantia" was transacted at 59-1/2 pence per ounce. However, the bulk of the business was done "considerably below that price," they said.

The best obtainable but unconfirmable information was that the bulk of the shipment was transacted at 58 pence per fine ounce.

SHANGHAI GOLD PRICE SOARS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23, (U.P.A.): Gold bar quotations here today soared to 3,690,000 Chinese dollars per ounce and the unofficial U. S. dollar rate increased to 7,300 Chinese dollars in spectacular increases marked by an intense wave of speculative buying.

The entire market, reflecting bullish rumours was in a state of great expectancy and confusion in view of the rumoured rate of change.

LONDON BULLION.

London, Dec. 23.

London Silver Spot and Forward 55-1/2 d. London Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-2-3.

NEH YORK SILVER.

New York, Dec. 23.

United States price of Foreign Silver 35-3/4 cents.

N. Y. PEPPER FUTURES CLOSE UNCHANGED TO TEN HIGHER

NEW YORK Dec. 23, (U.P.A.) Black pepper futures today closed unchanged to ten higher with no sales reported. Trade quarters expect the market to remain dull for the remainder of the year. The announcement of the allocation of nearly 2,500 tons Indian pepper to the U. S. has not materialized.

Closing prices were: March, 42.50; May 37.00; July 36.00; September 32.00; October 31.00.

LONDON SEED PRICES

LONDON, Dec. 23. (UPA). The following were closing prices of seeds on the London market today:

Linseed—125 pounds sterling per ton.

Castorseed (first) —110 pounds sterling per ton.

Groundnuts—56 pounds and 10 shillings per ton.

Pepper—One shilling per pound.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 2.10-3/4 to 2.10-3/4 |
| March | 2.01-7/8 to 2.01-7/8 |
| May | 1.92-3/4 to 1.92-3/4 |
| July | 1.76-1/2 to 1.76-1/2 |

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Dec. 23.

Australian Wheat (Bulk) 87 Dec.-Jan. quoted.

## PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY Dec. 24.

The produce market was fairly steady today with moderate business passing. Today being declaration of Teji Mandi operations of Castorseeds there was scattered buying. Castorseeds May delivery opened today at Rs. 115/12 and improved at Rs. 116/4 under moderate buying but later steadied at Rs. 116/2. Quotations were as under:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GROUNDNUTS:— | | | |
| December/January | 21 | 1 | 0 |
| January/March | 20 | 12 | 0 |
| Khandesh Ready | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| Coromandal | 21 | 8 | 0 |
| Bold | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| LINSEEDS:— | | | |
| Ready | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| February/March | 23 | 13 | 0 |
| TILSEEDS:— | | | |
| December/January | 33 | 4 | 0 |
| Ready | 38 | 8 | 0 |
| CASTORSEED:— | | | |
| Navlakh Ready | 25 | 12 | 0 |
| December February Navlakhi | 24 | 8 | 0 |
| Goa Delivery | 25 | 8 | 0 |
| Bombay Delivery | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| May Delivery | 116 | 12 | 0 |
| GROUNDNUTS OIL:— | | | |
| Bombay Mills | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Up-country Mills | 15 | 4 | 0 |
| January Delivery | 13 | 11 | 0 |
| Linseed Oil | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Cottonseed Oil | 15 | 12 | 0 |

# MANU SUBEDAR'S PLAN FOR BRIGHTER AHMEDABAD

## Scandalous Conditions In City Exposed In Report On Municipality's Financial Position

**"Public opinion in India would be strong enough in future to be able to discriminate between opposition to reforms, which is interested, and opposition to reforms, which arises from merely a different mode of thought", observes Mr. Manu Subedar in the course of a comprehensive and masterly analysis of the conditions obtaining under the Municipality of Ahmedabad.**

**Mr. Subedar pleads for greater powers to be vested in the Municipality so that the many problems facing it, accentuated by a financial deficit, might be successfully solved to the benefit of the citizens.**

Mr. Subedar undertook the work of investigation free of charge, on the invitation of the Ahmedabad Municipality to advise it on its financial position. He visited Ahmedabad on August 16 of this year and conducted his enquiries in several fields. He heard the views of the Municipality as to the present conditions in the city, the improvements which were required, the obstacles which existed and the methods of raising additional revenue, and he was able to gauge properly the manner in which the report to be submitted by him might be received. He met the leaders of the Bar and the Medical Council, the spokesmen of the Cloth Merchants' Association, the Stock Exchange, the Store Dealers' Association, Bullion Merchants' Association etc. He had also the benefit of a talk with the President of the Millowners' Association.

MILLOWNERS' ATTITUDE

"The relation of Ahmedabad Municipality with the millowners of the city appears to have been unfortunate. Resistance to the payment of Ahmedabad municipal dues has been offered by the mills practically continuously from 1926 and at all times matters have been settled either in the Court or by means of arbitration", observes Mr. Subedar in his Report. He adds: "Whichever party was in power, the affairs of the city had to go on and there was no justification whatsoever for concerted non-payment of taxes to the Municipality", referring to the withholding of a sum of no less Rs. 32 lakhs from the Municipal finance.

The present dispute of the Municipality with millowners was in respect of drainage. Dealing with this, he says: "That the Ahmedabad mills cannot carry a legitimate burden of about six lakhs of rupees per year, and about four to five lakhs as recurring cost for the treatment of trade wastes in their premises is something which I refuse to accept for one moment, and it would not be accepted by any person outside who knows the conditions of cloth competition in India. As a matter of fact, today there is no competition and for every yard which the mills produce, there is a queue waiting at many places in the country.....The present time is, therefore, in my opinion, the most opportune for imposing the just claims of the Municipality and the still higher moral claim of the health of the city's population."

SANITATION AND CONSERVANCY

Mr. Subedar characterises sanitary and conservancy facilities in Ahmedabad as "inadequate." It had been reported to him that attempts had been made to transfer the burden of providing public lavatories to the head of the Municipality with very unfortunate and unsatisfactory results. On the other hand, compulsory lavatory accommodation in every building is in his opinion a primary requirement and obligation of the Municipality. He disapproves of the system in the Ahmedabad Municipality, by which mills and even private parties could get their own cleaning done in respect of privies. This was being done merely in order to save charges, which the Municipality was reducing on those privies which were cleaned by private conservancy organisations.

As regards water supply, he asks the Municipality to realise the present water supply arrangements as inadequate and needing necessary supplementary sources. The matter should be surveyed through a surveying engineer and an additional scheme prepared and kept ready to meet the growing demand from the increased population.

Mr. Subedar pleads for the elimination of slums and filth in working class areas.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a summary of his recommendations:

Certain additional powers should be given to the Municipality by a special act. (In recommending this, Mr. Subedar points out that present powers were conceived not for a municipality of a city which has assumed Metropolitan dimensions. At the same time he is critical of the way the Municipality exercised what powers it already possessed).

Deficits were caused in recent years because expenditure increased, while income from terminal tax went down and the unexpected revenue from the drainage scheme was not realised.

There is a heavy under assessment estimated at Rs. 4-1/2 lakhs a year. The Assessment Officer and his staff should function independently without interference from the Councillors of the Municipality.

The arrears of taxes must be settled quickly and stringently.

The general water rate special water rate and the drainage rate should be consolidated as a house tax of 17-1/2 per cent payable by every property in the city.

All vacant lands in the municipal limits should pay the same scale of taxes (17-1/2) until such time as they are built upon.

Hand cleaning of privies by private agencies should be prohibited. Every property should have a privy. The present levy of Rs. 4 per family or tenement should be changed to Rs. 40 per privy.

A loan of about Rs. 5 crores in three parts of Rs. 180 lakhs each should be raised and the capital works indicated should be undertaken without delay, such as the laying of drainage works and the increase of water supply to the city.

The municipality should arrange to build houses for their employees of all grades but it was not the business of the Municipality to provide housing otherwise.

More markets should be built and maintained.

A Committee should be appointed to consider the transport problem and slum clearance and other improvements.

Mr. Manu Subedar's suggestions on the means of raising additional revenue, if accepted and acted upon, would benefit the municipality to the exteht of about Rs. 38,87,000.

# Pre-Holiday Dull Trading On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

## SCATTERED HEDGING AND TRADE BUYING

NEW YORK, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): Dullest pre-holiday trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. Prices lost and gained over an extreme range of dol. 1.40 per bale with no decisive trend. Trade participation was at a minimum, reflecting holidays in the textile market and temporary suspension of production in many southern mills for Christmas and year-end inventory taking. Traders, meanwhile, leisurely evened up their positions, including further switching of March to May at narrowing differences.

The market opened two to five points lower. Prices firmed after the opening to a rise of seven to 11 points, then dipped 15 to 28 from the highs. Prices again became steady at the close to finish the session with a net six lower to five higher.

Cautiousness was generally apparent and was attributed to talk of a possible business recession next year and trade disposition to postpone additional purchases of futures contracts pending a test of consumer price resistance next year.

STATISTICAL SITUATION.

The statistical situation was regarded as inherently strong but was temporarily overshadowed by the holiday feeling and outside uncertainties, especially Labour's attitude towards wages and its effect on the industrial production.

While the new buying interest was chilled, sellers were holding back at the same time because of heavier entries under the loan programme and reports that south-eastern producers were holding 30 to 40 per cent of their crop for 35 cents or better and the realization that the present rate of domestic consumption was running at two million bales in excess of production.

PRESENT STOCKS.

The New York Cotton Exchange Service Bureau pointed out that consumption for the first four months of the season was running at the rate of 600,000 bales larger than that for the same period last season and was larger than that for any corresponding period in any previous season since 1939. The Bureau stated further that if consumption for the balance of the season holds at the present rate, the full-season off-take would be about 10,600,000 bales and the estimated end-season carry over of supply next July would be around 3,200,000 bales.

Meanwhile, discussions are continuing on the domestic new crop prospects. Difference of opinion exists as to whether the Government's increased acreage goal can be realized in view of the uncertainties on the availability of labour supply and farm machinery as well as fertilizers and insecticides.

Mr. I. A. Daffin, President of the New Holland Machine Company, farm equipment manufacturers declared that cotton will regain supremacy over synthetics and foreign growths through complete farm mechanization within the next decade. Through the use of the mechanical picke flame cultivator and flame chopper, Daffin said that production costs on a basis of experimental planting this past season on an area of 83 acres in an Alabama farm were reduced to eight cents per pound compared with an average cost in that area of 25 cents per pound.

Traders expressed the opinion that the market was still in the trading range and will remain so until after the holiday season.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

| | |
|---|---|
| January | 32.80—02 |
| March | 32.60 |
| March highest | 32.70+10 |
| March lowest | 32.50—10 |
| May | 32.08 |
| July | 30.76—06 |
| October | 27.42+05 |
| December | 26.98+03 |
| Middling Spot | 33.68—04 |

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 32.61+07 |
| May | 32.06+02 |
| July | 30.71—01 |
| October | 27.38+08 |
| Middling Spot | 32.80 |

CREDITS FOR COTTON SHIPMENT REPORTED TO BE UNDER DISCUSSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): Credits for shipments of cotton to Germany and Austria are reported to be under discussion with the Export and Import Bank furnishing the credits, it was learned today.

At the same, the Bank was reported to have financed dol. 95,000,000 worth of cotton exports in the last 12 months.

It was further reported that German and Austrian credits are being sought under the bank's special programme, providing 100,000 dollars for financing the cotton export.

Application for credits is reported to have been made by American shippers in collaboration with occupation authorities. The programme calls for a 20 million dollar credit for Germany and three million dollar credit to Austria.

It was further disclosed that the Netherlands have cancelled their credit for cotton exports, presumably because of the high price.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

V. S. Steel Corporation

London, Dec. 23.

| | £ |
|---|---|
| Consols 2-1/2 pc | 98-3/8 |
| Conversion Loan 3-1/2 pc 1961. | 114-13/16 |
| War Loan 3-1/2 pc 1952 and further | 107-13/16 |
| Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90 | 121-1/4 |
| Victory Bonds 4 pc | 123-3/8 |
| Chartered Bank of I. A. and China | 10-13/16 |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) | 85-1/2 |
| National Bank of India | 35-1/2 |

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

| | |
|---|---|
| American Telephone and Telegraph | 167-1/8 |
| Amerex Holding Co. | 34-1/2 |
| Anaconda Copper Mining | 41 |
| Chase National Bank | 39-1/2 |
| Sinclair Oil | 15-5/8 |
| Firestone Tyre Co. | 57-3/4 |
| General Electric Co. | 35-3/4 |
| General Motors | 54-1/8 |
| Ingersol Rand | 131-1/2 bid |
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## CITY LAWYER EXTERNED

Dahanu, Dec. 24 (From A Correspondent): Mr. T. Godiwala, the well-known lawyer of Bombay is externed from Thana District. He is the latest victim of the Goonda Act.

## SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON INSURANCE BILL

### Will Come Before Assembly

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.). The Select Committee of the Central Assembly on the bill to amend the Insurance Act concluded its deliberations today, having reached unanimous decisions on all important points it is learnt. Regarding the clause of the Bill which relates to the investment of Life Funds, it has been decided that Insurance Companies will have to invest in Government approved Securities 45 per cent of the Life Funds that are not invested in Gilt Edged. But should the Directors of a company unanimously decide to do otherwise, they can do so, provided they inform Government of their intentions beforehand. It is further learnt that according to the second most important clause which has been approved with minor amendments. Government will limit the overall expenses of insurance Companies and due care has been taken that the limitations will be greater for the bigger and senior firms than for the smaller and junior ones. It is expected that the Bill will come before the Budget Session of the Assembly.

COMMUNISTS RELEASED.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): Bhagat Singh, a Communist worker of Delhi and fourteen others who were being prosecuted in connection with Anti-Victory day disturbances were acquitted today by the First Class Magistrate.


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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.**

APLICATIONS ARE INVITED from British Indian subjects, preferably natives of Bombay, before 3-2-1947 for a temporary post of MILK COSTING OFFICER created for three years in the first instance. AGE:—Not more than 40 years on 1-4-1947, but relaxable in case of Government servants and suitable cases. PAY—Rs. 300-900 for direct recruits and Rs. 420-1,200 for those in Government service prior to 4-8-1931 PLUS cost of living allowance. Higher starting pay admissible. QUALIFICATIONS—(a) A degree (preferably Master's) with Economics or Statistics and a degree in Commerce with Accountancy and Statistics of a recognised Indian or Foreign University. (b) Special training in investigation of problems connected with rural economy and collection and interpretation of data. (c) 7 to 10 years' experience of teaching Economics in an important College or Institution. DUTIES—To undertake milk costing work at Bombay and elsewhere in the Province and to maintain relevant data up-to-date after a period of training in England (at Government expense) for about 6 months. Application forms supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3 1/2 annas postage stamps and uncrossed Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will also supply full details on request. 1199

**NOTICE**

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalization as a British subject under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has any objection to such naturalization may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.
Name: FRITZ HERBERT METZL.
Present Nationality: AUSTRIAN.
Full Address: 162, Wadia Building, 136 Queen's Road, Bombay. 1203

**H. M. I. N. DOCKYARD, BOMBAY**

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from youths of all communities to fill vacancies for Apprentices in H.M.I.N. Dockyard.

2. Candidates must fulfil the following conditions:—
(a) AGE: Not to be less than 15 years, or more than 19 years on the 1st January, 1947.
(b) EDUCATION: To have passed the Matriculation examination or its equivalent.
(c) Be a British subject or subjects of Indian States.

3. APPLICATION FORMS AND FULL PARTICULARS will be furnished on receipt of a written request (superscribed "Apprentices") to the Dockyard Personnel Officer, H.M.I.N. Dockyard, Bombay, or on personal application to the Police Officer on Duty, Lion Gate, H. M. I. N. Dockyard.

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### LOANS & MORTGAGES

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### AGENTS WANTED

**Wanted Agents to secure Woollen** and Silk Cloth orders. Terms Liberal and Free. Apply Western Textiles, Ludhiana. (3991)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES.

**NOTICE**

LICENCES ISSUED UNDER BOMBAY COTTON CLOTH DEALERS' LICENSING ORDER, 1943.

CLOTH DEALERS, who are still in possession of licences granted under the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers Licensing Order, 1943, are informed that these licences become invalid on and after January 1, 1947. They should, therefore, surrender these licences to this Office on or before December 31, 1946.

J. K. THAKORE,
Provincial Textile Controller, Bombay.
Bombay, December 23, 1946. 1204

**THE TATA IRON & STEEL CO. LTD., JAMSHEDPUR.**

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Education Officer under the Jamshedpur Schools Committee. The duties of such Officer will be to supervise all the Schools in Jamshedpur including the High Schools, Middle English Schools and the Primary Schools and also to act as Secretary to the Schools Committee. Applicants must give particulars of their age, educational qualifications they possess and of their experience both in Educational and Secretarial work. The appointment will be subject to a probationary period of one year.

The commencing pay of the post is Rs. 400 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 400-50-650 plus dearness allowance and emergency bonus as long as and to the extent such allowances are in force and all other privileges regarding leave, provident fund and profit-sharing bonus will be allowed in accordance with the rules of the Company.

The selected candidate will be provided with a house at a rental of 10 per cent of his salary but he will have to provide his own conveyance.

Applications endorsed "EDUCATION OFFICER" should be in the hands of the undersigned not later than the 15th January, 1947.

B. R. KAGAL,
President Schools Committee, Town Administration Office, Jamshedpur. 1208

**THE BOMBAY SWADESHI CO-OPERATIVE STORES COMPANY, LIMITED**

Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay 1.

NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1947 to THURSDAY, the 23rd January, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. B. MORPURIA,
Manager.
23rd December, 1946. 4356

**NOTICE.**

WANTED—Three Readers on temporary basis in the Scale of Rs. 50-3-65-E.B.-4-105-E.B.9-150 plus the usual cost of living allowace. Candidate must be graduate with experience in Proof Reading. Full particulars can be had from the issue of Bihar Gazette dated 18-12-46.

E. GHOSH,
Superintendent, Bihar Government Printing, Gulzarbagh, Patna. 1200

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ADARBAD NAMDAR IRANI, (Mrs.) ASHIS ARDESHIR IRANI, Sole Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Ardeshir Namdar Irani, NAVAJBAI, daughter of NAMDAR KHARSHEDJI IRANI and widow of ARDESHIR FRAMJI DUBASH, ADARBAD NAMDAR IRANI and NAVAZBAI ARDESHIR DUBASH, the surviving Administrators of the estate of Gustadji Kharshedji Irani, all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all incumbrances.

All persons having or claiming any estate, right, title or interest in to or upon the said property in any manner whatever are hereby required to make the same, if any, known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Yusuf Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate on the Mody Bay Estate of the Trustees for the Port of Bombay in the City and Island of Bombay and Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 593, 7|9 square yards or thereabouts and boundéd as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North partly by the land of one Jaiji and partly by the land of the Port Trustees leased to Khurshedji Khodabux Irani, on or towards the South by 2(two) pieces of land belonging to the said Port Trustees and leased respectively to Arab Alli Osman Tar, on or towards the East by the vacant ground of the said Port Trustees and on or towards the West by Frere Road, which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 6480 and Cadastral Survey No. 1/1208, (Fort Division) and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under A Ward No. 1889 and Street Nos. 99-101-103.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1946.

SHAH & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys. 1202

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.**

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates of all communities to fill the following posts of Professors at the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta in the Bengal General Service:

(i) Professor of Tropical Medicine,
(ii) Professor of Protozoology,
(iii) Professor of Entomology,
(iv) Professor of Pharmacology, and
(v) Professor of Chemistry.

If selection is made from Indians, preference will be given to candidates who have rendered war service. Tenure of the posts—Five years contract which can be terminated on six month's notice in writing on either side. Officers in permanent Government service are eligible to apply. Qualifications—For the first four posts. Registrable medical qualifications with wide experience in teaching and research work. Special stress will be laid on the quality of published works. Candidates for the post of Prof. of Chemistry should have high academic qualifications with previous teaching experience in a research institute. Pay—For posts of (a) Prof. of Tropical Medicine, (b) Prof. of Protozoology, (c) Prof. of Entomology, (d) Prof. of Pharmacology—The initial pay will be between Rs. 700 and Rs. 1000 according to qualifications and experience. Four annual increments of Rs. 50 each will be allowed on completion of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years of service. In addition a non-practising allowance of Rs. 400 will be allowed. For the post of Prof. of Chemistry—There will be no non-practising allowance. Pay will be in the scale of Rs. 300-50|2-700-75|2-1000. Higher initial pay will be given to a direct recruit according to age. For the five posts being advertised, Overseas pay at the flat rate of £30 will be admissible to persons of non-Asiatic domicile. Full details and application forms may be obtained from the office of the Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine pies stamp affixed. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs 5. 28th February 1947. (War service candidates need not use the prescribed form if they apply through the Regional Employment Exchange). (1210)

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE SUPREME INDUSTRIES LIMITED, a Company, having their Registered Office in Bombay have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client.

All persons having or claiming any estate, right, title, or interest in to or upon the said properties or any of them in any manner whatever are hereby required to make the same, if any, known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sail will be completed without reference to any such claim or claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

FIRSTLY—All that piece or parcel of vacant Pension and Tax land or ground now redeeed from payment of cess situate at Lady Jamshedji Road and Mahim Bazar Road, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the City Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 4,612 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 135, Cadestral Survey No. 758 of Mahim Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under G Ward No. 5702-5703 and Street Nos. 179 and 28A and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Regina Lopes, on or towards the West by the property of Vinayak Dhume, on or towards the North by the property of Agostinhi and Pedro Jokinso and on or towards the South by the properties bearing Cadestral Survey Nos. 1A/759, 1/759 and 759.

SECONDLY—All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate, lying and being at Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 170 square yards or thereabouts bearing Cadestral Survey No. 3/759 of Mahim Division (being a portion of bigger vacant piece or parcel of land, admeasuring 1,530 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 102-126, 411 and New No. 3659, Old Survey No. 129-130, and New Survey No. 1/136 and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under G Ward Nos. 5699(3), 5700(2), and 5700(1), Street Nos. 175B, 176, 176A) and bounded as follows: That is to say, on or towards the East by the vacant piece or parcel of land bearing C.S. No 759 part on or towards the West by a 9 feet passage and property bearing C.S. No. 1/759 beyond, on or towards the North by vacant piece or parcel of land bearing C.S. No. 758 and on or towards the South by footpath and Mahim Bazar Cross Road beyond.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1946.

SHAH & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 1201

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ABDUL VAHED HAJI MAHOMED HAFIZI of Surat Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without referenee to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, tenements or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Vile Parle, Taluka South Salsette in the Bombay Suburban District, Registration Sub-District of Bandra, containing by admeasurement 1902 Square Yards or thereabouts bearing part of non-agricultural Survey No. 23B of Vile Parle and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the Public Road, on or towards the West by the property of Mr. A. K. Rao, on or towards the North by the vacant land belonging to Khushaldas Bhuderji and on or towards the South by the property of Mr. Balbhim B. Keslkar.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1946.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 1194

**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ABDUL HUSEIN ABU TALIB of Mahim, Bombay, Mohamedan inhabitant, has agreed to sell his undermentioned property to my client.

All persons having or claiming any estate or interest by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, devise, bequest, trust, share, inheritance, possession, charge, lien, or otherwise, howsoever, in or to the said property are hereby required to give notice thereof to the undersigned at his Office at Mistry Building, 493, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay 2, within 14 days from the date hereof after which period the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claims and such claims (if any) will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the Mori Road at Mahim in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay containing by admeasurement 156 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 1, New Survey No. 1B, Cadas-

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tral Survey No. 1454 of Mahim Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 6004 and Street No. 479, New Street No. 14 & 14A and bounded on or towards the East by the property of N. Morgauli, on or towards the West by a passage, on or towards the North by the property of Fatmabai Morgauli and on or towards the South by the said Mori Road, Bombay.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1946.

D. J. MOGRE,
Advocate for the purchasers. 1188

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
I. C. No. 95 of 1946.
In the matter of the Indian Companies Act, 1913.
and
In the matter of MOTOR OWNERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE MOTOR OWNERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, incorporated under the Indian Compales Act, 1913 and having its Registered Office at Belgaum ..... Petitioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition presented to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati in Chambers on FRIDAY, the 13th day of December, 1946, praying for the following reliefs namely, (1) that the amendments to the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner set out in the special resolution of the Company, dated 8-9-1946 annexed as exhibit "B" to the Petition may be sanctioned, (2) that the reorganisation of the company effected or consequent upon the aforesaid changes in the said Memorandum of Association of the Petitioner may be sanctioned, (3) that such other directions may be given as may be necessary in the matter and (4) that the costs of the Petitioner may be provided for is directed to be heard before the Hon'ble the Sitting Judge in Chambers on FRIDAY, the 17th day of January, 1947 and any creditor or member of the Company desiring to oppose the said petition should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by an Advocate (O.S.) or by an attorney of this Hon'ble Court.

K. J. KALE & CO.,
Attorneys for the Petitioner.
39, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay. 1182

## PUBLIC NOTICES.

# G.I.P. AND B.B. & C.I. RAILWAYS

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**PRIORITY OF GOODS TRAFFIC**

A revised edition of the G.I.P. and B.B. & C.I. Railways' combined Priority List in force from 1st January 1947 and issued under the authority of the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay, is published below for the information of the public. Movements of goods traffic on these Railways will be arranged in the order of priority as detailed below. This list applies to local and through booking and is subject to booking restrictions and bans on movement imposed, from time to time, by local Governments, Regional Controllers of Railway Priorities and other competent authorities,

NOTE.—
(i) Sub-divisions (a), (b), (c), etc., shown in Class I indicates a definite order of priority within this class e.g., traffic falling under class I(d) should be moved only after all traffic falling under I(a) to I(c), has been moved, but sub-divisions serially numbered (1), (2), (3), (4) etc., shown in classes II & III have equal priority and the commodities coming thereunder should move in the order of registration.
(ii) Although traffic in 'smalls' will be governed by the priority list, this traffic will be accepted freely irrespective of the class up to which traffic in wagon loads is moving at all stations, within the quota fixed for each station except at Carnac Bridge which will accept 'smalls' traffic up to the class up to which traffic in wagon loads will be accepted.

CLASS I:—Movements by Government of Essential Commodities and other Movements of Corresponding Urgency.

(a) Railway coal, materials and stores.
(b) Foodstuffs, gunnies and food containers as under when sponsored by Government or consigned to railway grain shops or consigned on Military Credit Notes:—
(i) Grains and pulses as defined in the Railway's Goods Tariff.
(ii) Wheat products and the flour of other grains and of pulses.
(iii) Ghee, cooking fats and edible vegetable oils.
(iv) Salt.
(v) Sugar, gur and jagree.
(vi) Gunnies and food containers now, (to be returned empty to filling centres.
(c) Oil seeds and ground-nuts for use in the manufacture of edible oils when sponsored by Government.
(d) Cotton and woollen piece goods, blankets, twist and yarn when consigned by textile mills or when sponsored by Government.
(e) Posts and Telegraphs Department stores.
(f) Fuel as under:—
(i) Coal (including coke) from Collieries.
(ii) Fuel oils consigned by Oil Companies.
(iii) Firewood when sponsored by Government.
(iv) Charcoal when sponsored by Government.
(g) Petrol and kerosene oil consigned by Oil Companies.
(h) Cattle food, cattle fodder and manures when sponsored by Government.

CLASS II:—Movements of Important Commodities on Public Account and other Movements of Corresponding Urgency.

1. Biscuits.
2. Butter.
3. Cattle food and fodder.
4. Cement.
5. Charcoal.
6. Colliery machinery, stores and equipment including pit props, tram line sleepers and saltpetre consigned to colliery managers or colliery sidings.
7. Coffee.
8. Dried fish.
9. Eggs.
10. Empty containers, new or old, when consigned to filling depots for filling with petroleum products.
11. Firewood.
12. Wheat products and the flour of other grains and of pulses.
13. Furniture, personal effects and motor cars of Government Officials on transfer.
14. Fresh fruit and vegetables.
15. Ghee, cooking fats and edible vegetable oils.
16. Government forms, books and stationery.
17. Gunnies.
18. Grains and pulses as defined in the Railway's Goods Tariff.
19. Iron and Steel.
20. Livestock.
21. Matches.
22. Medicines, drugs and insecticides.
23. Medical stores and hospital equipment.
24. Military stores on requisitions from Milrail, D. D. Movements (Eastern) and Officers Commanding Movement Control Groups and Areas.
25. Onions.
26. Patent foods prepared from cereals and|or milk, as also milk, including condensed, tinned or skimmed milk, and milk powder.
27. Petroleum products as under:—
(i) Candles.
(ii) Jute batching oil.
(iii) Lubricants, including grease.
(iv) Mineral turpentine.
(v) Petroleum coke.
(vi) Petroleum wax.
(vii) Solvent Oil.
(viii) Tetra ethyl lead.
(ix) Waterproofing compounds.
28. Potatoes (including seed potatoes and sweet potatoes).
29. Raw materials for the manufacture of sugar when consigned to sugar factories.
30. Salt.
31. Sugar, gur and jagree.
32. Tea.

CLASS III:—Movements of the Raw materials of Important Industries and the Finished Products thereof and Other Movements of Corresponding Urgency.

1. Acids, chemicals, dyes, gases (liquid or in Cylinders) and their empty containers when returned for refilling.
2. Aircraft, motor vehicles (including tractors and motor cycles), bicycles and their spare parts.
3. Betel nuts.
4. Bidi leaves.
5. Building materials, as under:—
(i) Ballies.
(ii) Bamboos.
(iii) Bricks.
(iv) Lime.
(v) Rafters.
(vi) Sand.
(vii) Stone.
(viii) Tiles.
(ix) Timber, wrought and unwrought.
6. Cigarettes, biddis and tobacco.
7. Cotton, hair and wool (raw).
8. Electrical appliances, fittings and electrodes.
9. Grinding wheels.
10. Hemp (raw).
11. Hide salt.
12. Hides, skins and pelts (common), dry and wet.
13. Jute (raw).
14. Kyanite.
15. Machinery.
16. Manganese ore.
17. Materials and equipment for the construction or maintenance of roads.
18. Mica.
19. Mill stores as under:—
(i) Belting.
(ii) Bobbins.
(iii) Card clothing.
(iv) Healds.
(v) Pickers.
(vi) Reeds.
(vii) Shuttles.
(viii) Spare parts of textile machinery and power plants.
(ix) Starches.
20. Molasses.
21. Newsprint.
22. Raw materials when consigned to and finished products when consigned from:—
(i) Aluminium factories.
(ii) Bone mills.
(iii) Cement factories.
(iv) Chemical factories.
(v) Distilleries.
(vi) Fertiliser factories.
(vii) Glass factories.
(viii) Jute mills.
(ix) Leather factories.
(x) Match factories.
(xi) Mill-board and straw-board mills.
(xii) Non-ferrous metal and alloy factories.
(xiii) Opium factories (Government).
(xiv) Paint factories.
(xv) Paper mills.
(xvi) Potteries.
(xvii) Refractory brick factories.
(xviii) Rubber factories.
(xix) Soap factories.
(xx) Starch factories.
(xxi) Steel works.
(xxii) Tanneries.
(xxiii) Tanning extract factories.
(xxiv) Veneer Factories.
(xxv) Textile mills.
23. Resin, rosin, turpentine oil, lac (crude and refined) and their empty containers when returned for refilling.
24. Shooks and staves.
25. Silk cloth and silk yarn.
26. Surplus military stores and salvage.
27. Vegetable oils, oil seeds and groundnuts.

CLASS IV:—Non-Priority Traffic. All movements to which priority has not been accorded.

Consignors should now offer consignments at stations in the normal way for despatch. It is only if a station cannot despatch a consignment and gives an endorsement to that effect on the consignment note should the consignor ask for priority assistance: all such requests should be accompanied by the consignment note with the Station Masters' endorsement thereon that movement under the normal standing priority is not possible.

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